



Richard Gierolewicz

September 23, 1961 - June 22, 2024

Richard Gierolewicz, known by his loved ones and friends as Rick, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2024, in Holmdel, New Jersey at the age of 62. Rick was predeceased by his parents Dorothy and Robert Gierolewicz, and his father-in-law, Vincent George. Rick is survived by his wife of 28 years, Joyce George Gierolewicz, siblings Susan and Robert Gierolewicz, nephews Grayson and Ethan Librie, niece Mariele Librie, mother-in-law, Shirley George, his Jerzee Eight Brothers and golfing family, numerous colleagues and friends at NJ Transit and his Furbaby "Kitty".

Rick was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, grew up in Old Bridge and has resided with Joyce at their home in Matawan for the last 28 years. Rick has had a long and distinguished career spanning nearly 40 years at New Jersey Transit. In his current position as Director of Terminal Operations, he was responsible for managing the busy Route 9 Service Corridor and Terminal Operation service into New York City. He was a dedicated employee who loved making things better for the customer and his employees alike. Rick was widely respected and was the go-to person when it came to any issue related to the Route 9 Corridor and its potential impact on the NJ Transit Bus service. Rick's legacy at work includes stories such as rescuing a woman and her young family from their stranded vehicle on the Garden State Parkway during a blizzard that crippled the state for three days back in 2009/2010.

Rick loved telling jokes and making those around him laugh, he had a special talent for lightening the mood in any room he was in and always had a kind word or helpful gesture for those around him. Rick was a huge Giants fan who like many others, his spirits and hopes rose and fell with each passing season. Rick loved telling jokes and making those around him laugh. He loved animals and routinely took care of stray cats in the neighborhood, even setting up a heated gazebo in his yard as shelter for the winter.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of those who have supported Rick and his family during this difficult time of loss.

Please join his loved ones in celebrating his life and commemorating his memory. There will be a viewing on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 4:00 -9:00 PM at the Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, NJ.

The Funeral Service will be held the following day, Friday, June 28th at 10:30 AM at the Immaculate Conception Church, 18 South Street, Spotswood, NJ before concluding with a burial at 12:30PM in the Graceland Memorial Park, 1900 Galloping Hill Road, Kenilworth, NJ.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service
3377 US Highway 9
Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732) 679-4422
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church
18 South Street
Spotswood, NJ 08884

Service

JUN 28. 12:30 PM (ET)

GRACELAND MEMORIAL PARK
1900 Galloping Hill Road
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Gierolewicz*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - June 27, 2024 at 05:04 PM

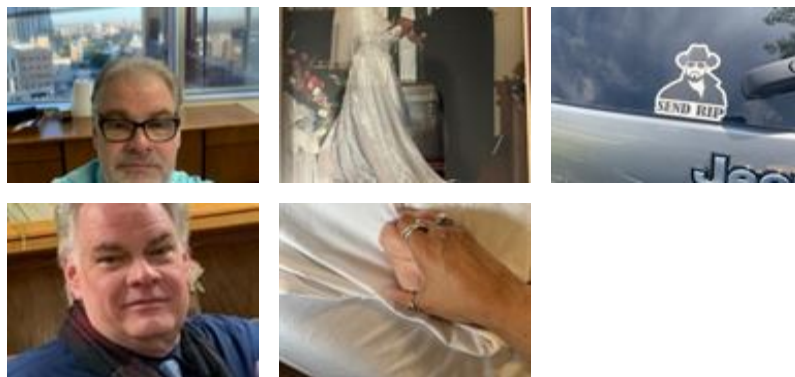


“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of Ricks passing. My sincere condolences go out to the family*

Stephanie Smith - August 31, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ *74 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - June 27, 2024 at 01:01 PM

CC

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family, loved ones and friends of Rick. May you find comfort in the memories you have of him.*
Chris Corasio

Chris Corasio - June 27, 2024 at 11:40 AM

CF

“ *Christian & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Gierolewicz.*



Christian & Family - June 26, 2024 at 08:24 AM

ND

“ *Dear Joyce and loved ones of Rick: We're sending our sincere condolences to all of you during this time of bereavement. May God grant you strength to face the days ahead; and may you find comfort in all of the memories that were created with Rick. With love, William & Norene Daniels*

Norene Daniels - June 25, 2024 at 10:54 PM

AJ

“ *Alonia Joyner lit a candle in memory of Richard Gierolewicz*



Alonia Joyner - June 25, 2024 at 09:59 PM

CZ

“ Carol Z. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard Gierolewicz.



Carol Z. - June 25, 2024 at 06:27 PM

CZ

“ Carol Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Gierolewicz.

Carol Z. - June 25, 2024 at 06:27 PM

FR

“ Rick was a stand-up guy. Always a smile. Always joking. He knew his business. And he ran the terminals with efficiency.

I admired him. I liked him. And I will miss him.

Fred Rubenstein

Fred Rubenstein - June 25, 2024 at 06:01 PM

CM

Rick always made you laugh. You will be well missed dearly. Sandy Meray

csandy meray - June 25, 2024 at 06:21 PM

LT

“ My heartfelt condolences to you Joyce, and family. Ricky touched so many with his kindness and sweet personality. Our family was lucky to have him in our lives and he will be missed. May his soul find peace and may the memories we all have of him stay alive. Sending love ❤️

Laura Tepedino - June 25, 2024 at 04:41 PM

MR

“ Mark R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Gierolewicz.

Mark R. - June 25, 2024 at 04:06 PM

FF

“ from Neil Doscher and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Gierolewicz.



from Neil Doscher and family - June 25, 2024 at 02:10 PM

FF

“ from Neil Doscher and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Gierolewicz.

from Neil Doscher and family - June 25, 2024 at 02:10 PM



“ Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Richard Gierolewicz.



June 25, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ Love Rebecca Peralta from NJT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Gierolewicz.

Love Rebecca Peralta from NJT - June 25, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ Rick, You were like a “son” to us....we have loved you most of your life! We were very happy to meet n get to know your wife, Joyce, who was the best thing in your love...she loved and supported you thru everything and took such good care of you till the end...we'll miss you, son...your smile, your joking, your extreme generosity n your gentle n caring manner...till we meet again,
Mom n Dad Tepedino

Mike n Ali Tepedino - June 25, 2024 at 09:34 AM