



## Robert Pignatelli

March 29, 1942 - August 20, 2023

Robert Pignatelli of Marlboro, New Jersey passed away on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1942, in Rome, Italy to Antonio and Elvira Spagnolo Pignatelli. He was later baptized in the Vatican. He, along with his family, moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prior to leaving for Argentina. Robert and his family were given a special blessing from Pope Pius XII in a private audience setting. During his adolescence, Robert lived in Buenos Aires for 10 years before returning to Rome, and then to the United States for a better life. He eventually settled in Brooklyn, New York where he lived most of his life.

While in the states, Robert attended Baruch College and would then go on to work for UNITE as a Union Representative, for over 50 years. He also served in the United States Army, an honor he took great pride in. So much that even when he finished his mandatory service, he joined the Reserves, and later worked for them arranging the funeral details for soldiers who lost their lives, including those in 9/11 on the homefront and those who perished in combat overseas protecting our country.

Robert met his wife Lorraine in the Poconos, and they began a friendship that

would eventually blossom into a romance. After six months of dating, they would marry on November 26th, 1972 and spent the next 50 wonderful years together, and would go on to have two children, Lisa and Anthony.

In his spare time, Robert was very active. He played volleyball, soccer, racquetball, pickleball and tennis. He was an avid member of the Italian Club, Veterans Club, Elks Lodge and MAPTA travel association, always eager to take advantage of the next travel trip that was available.

Robert loved movies (especially Westerns), dancing, going to the beach and playing pool volleyball. He and his wife Lorraine loved being 'SnowBirds' traveling to Fort Myers, Florida to spend their winter months together to fully enjoy their retired lives.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years Lorraine (Russo) Pignatelli, his loving children Lisa Johnson and her husband Earl, Anthony Pignatelli and his wife Dawn, by his grandchildren that adored him immensely - Adriana, Tyler, Eliana, Giuliana, and Mia. He is also survived by his loving sister Francesca Viducich and his devoted nephews and niece, Raymond, Robert, and Stephanie, and many more family members and friends who loved him.

Robert was a one-of-a-kind man with a beautiful soul. He was selfless and giving, and wonderful to so many people. Knowing him meant falling in love with him. He will be remembered fondly by all who knew and cherished him.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday at St. Gabriel's Historic Church located at 549 Rt 520 Marlboro, New Jersey 07746. Interment will be in Brigadier General William C Doyle Veterans Cemetery, NJ at a later date

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bri General Wm Doyle Vets Cemetery

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 23.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 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.hegartyscalialfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**AUG 24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel's Historic Church  
549 Rt 520  
Marlboro, NJ 07746

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Pignatelli*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Mr P was a wonderful man and soldier. I had the privilege of working with him at Ft Totten. I also played volleyball with him and we had a great time. RIP Mr. P.*

**jennifer minnis** - August 23, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ *My condolences, Mr. Pignatelli will always be my first mentor joining the Army and I enjoyed my time working with him under casualty assistance at Ft Totten. I'm thankful for all the guidance he provided.*



**Geovanny Molina** - August 23, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences on the passing of your wonderful father. May he rest in eternal peace.*

*Love,  
The Boleys*



**Joyce Boley** - August 23, 2023 at 03:47 PM



*Robert we will surely miss you here in Florida. And always the good memories. when we were together. R.I.P. ROBERT*

**Anna and Sam Guarino...** - September 15, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Pignatelli.*



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August 23, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Our deepest and sincerest sympathies to Lorraine, Lisa, Anthony and their entire family... Robert was a kind, wonderful man with a constant smile on his face. He will be missed by all. Eternally sorry for your loss. Riposa in Pace. 🙏❤️*

*Maria & Gabriele Bergesio*

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**Maria & Gabriele Bergesio** - August 23, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Maria &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Pignatelli.*

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**Maria &.** - August 23, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Stephanie** - August 23, 2023 at 08:30 AM

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“ Uncle Robert will forever hold a special place in my heart❤️ He lived a full life & immensely adored his family. RIP🙏❤️



Stephanie - August 23, 2023 at 08:28 AM

PP

“ Paula P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Pignatelli.

Paula P. - August 22, 2023 at 08:18 PM

KF

“ Kim Glassman (Lisa's friend) purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Robert Pignatelli.



Kim Glassman (Lisa's friend) - August 22, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Pignatelli.

August 22, 2023 at 03:13 PM



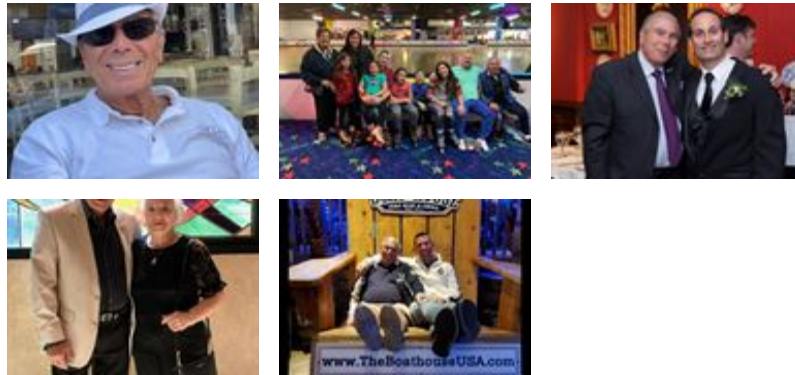
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Pignatelli.*



August 22, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *167 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - August 22, 2023 at 02:48 PM



*May you rest in the sweetest peace Bob. You will be missed. Love Cristina Your hygienist 🙏*

**Cristina Vendra** - August 22, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ *Art&Dot, Joyce&Kevin, Bobby&Michelle purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Pignatelli.*



**Art&Dot, Joyce&Kevin, Bobby&Michelle** - August 22, 2023 at 12:23 PM

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“ Sincerely, Dr. Tony & Christine purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Pignatelli.



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Sincerely, Dr. Tony & Christine - August 22, 2023 at 11:55 AM