



## Ronald Atlak

October 23, 1952 - December 21, 2025

Ronald A. Atlak Sr. was born October 23, 1952. He grew up in Staten Island, New York.

He went to P.S 26 elementary school just up the street from his childhood home on Melvin Ave. He went on to Intermediate school, and then he attended McKee High School.

Ronald enlisted in the U.S Army (1970) and served his country proudly. He maintained a reserve role and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sgt. After his initial few years in the military, Ronald was hired by the Port Authority of NY&NJ in 1972 and worked in Maintenance.

He married the love of his life Helen K. Bonczek on June 1, 1974, and began their life in Staten Island. They have three children, Ronald Jr, Matthew and Lauren. In 1984 he moved his family to Old Bridge, NJ where he settled and lived to the current day.

He later transferred units and Graduated from the Port Authority Police Academy in 1979. From there he served at several locations such as the World Trade Center, Holland Tunnel, Bust Terminal, Newark Airport and he finished his career at the Staten Island Bridges working in the capacity of Emergency Services Unit (E.S.U). Ronald had an outstanding career with the

Police Department and was awarded numerous commendations and awards for outstanding police work. His most notable accolade was his Medal of Valor for his actions taken during the 1st bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993. What he was most proud of was giving back and serving on the Special Olympics NJ on the State Committee and being one of the coordinators of the North Jersey Run that started at High Point State Park and went all the way down to Trenton where the games commenced. He retired from the Port Authority Police in February of 2002 after 22 years with the police and 29 years total with the Port Authority.

Ronald is pre-deceased by his mother Mary Atlak and father Stanley E Atlak, Sr. He is survived by his beloved wife Helen Atlak, his son Ronald Jr and wife Margaret, son Matthew, daughter Lauren and her husband Michael Cronin, Grandchildren Gabriella, Ruggiero, Alex and Kate, Zachary, Skyler, Jaxon, Grayson and Emelia. Ronald is also survived by his Brother Stanley E. Atlak, Jr and wife Francine, Gerald Atlak and wife Carol, and his loving sister Debra.

In lieu of flowers, Ron's request would be to make a monetary donation to his favorite charities:

Special Olympics NJ at [https://support.specialolympics.org/a/donate-in-your-state-2x-match-eoy?gclsrc=aw.ds&&state=nj&sourceid=1041175&ms=google-newjersey&gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=920111244&gbraid=0AAAAADwU9dR-eTqgzRCpDAgZrllKtiE3p&gclid=CjwKCAiA9aPKBhBhEiwAyz82J1e8O5cXtQ14liQ3DhJECaknZfcqoot2tCxRiBBxhu2CBbS7m4SJ\\_BoCgpcQAvD\\_BwE](https://support.specialolympics.org/a/donate-in-your-state-2x-match-eoy?gclsrc=aw.ds&&state=nj&sourceid=1041175&ms=google-newjersey&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=920111244&gbraid=0AAAAADwU9dR-eTqgzRCpDAgZrllKtiE3p&gclid=CjwKCAiA9aPKBhBhEiwAyz82J1e8O5cXtQ14liQ3DhJECaknZfcqoot2tCxRiBBxhu2CBbS7m4SJ_BoCgpcQAvD_BwE)  
and Tunnels to Towers at <https://t2t.org/donate/>

A Funeral service will be at 10:30 AM on Monday at St. Thomas the Apostle located at 1 St Thomas Plaza Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, December

28, 2025, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and  
Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **28**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Service

DEC **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
1 St Thomas Plaza  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Atlak family. Ronnie was always so kind to my family and me, even coming to my rescue on more than one occasion when I had car trouble. He never failed to make me laugh—his sense of humor was unforgettable. I’ll always remember his smile and the playful mischief in his eyes just before he teased me (or my mother), along with the genuine warmth and kindness behind it. Rest in peace, Ronnie.

Denise (Kopik) Masino - December 28, 2025 at 01:02 PM

PA

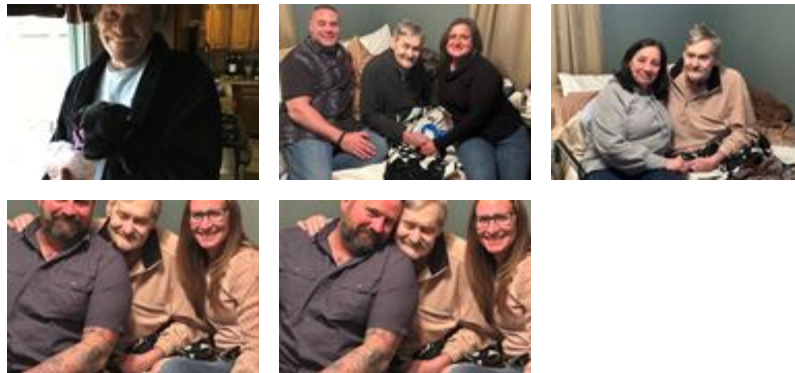
“ Peg, Chad, John, Denise, Amy, Adam purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald Atlak.



Peg, Chad, John, Denise, Amy, Adam - December 27, 2025 at 05:07 PM



“ 217 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - December 26, 2025 at 04:45 PM

RM

“ My condolences to The Atlak family Ronnie will be Greatly Missed. I worked with Ronnie and were both in the same academy class. And everytime I walked into a room or outside and Ronnie saw me he would yell out the words " CLASS MATE " ! And that would always make both of us laugh. Ronnie is Real as Real can be . Nothing fake . He is a real stand up guy that always had your back. Always. Rest in peace CLASS MATE .

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**Robert Moore** - December 24, 2025 at 11:43 PM

MI

“ May the love of God surround you and give you hope in your time of need.

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**Michael** - December 24, 2025 at 03:06 PM

DM

“ My deepest condolence to my cousin Ronnie's wife Helen. His siblings: Stash, Jerry and Debbie.  
I will always treasure the memories as kids. Holidays at our grandparents. 4 th of July in Travis. And various family visits throughout the year.  
Rest in peace my cousin. You are now in GODS HANDS.  
Don & Bonita Moisewicz.

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**Don Moisewicz** - December 23, 2025 at 11:35 AM

WB

“ So sorry to hear of Ron's passing. Many good memories. Our condolences to you and your family.

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**Wanda and Bill Bush** - December 23, 2025 at 07:30 AM

FI

“ Frank Illidge purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ronald Atlak.



Frank Illidge - December 22, 2025 at 09:57 PM

FI

“ Frank Illidge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Atlak.

Frank Illidge - December 22, 2025 at 09:57 PM

BH

“ I worked with Ron At the Holland Tunnel. He was always in a good mood and a nice guy to be around. Rest In Peace, my brother!!! My deepest condolences to the family.

Bill Hammer - December 22, 2025 at 09:39 PM

PA

“ Ron was well liked by all he worked with. He will be missed.

PARPA - December 22, 2025 at 07:50 PM

JK

Ronnie is my next-door neighbor and on 9/11 he was outside seeding his lawn and I screamed out to him to please come in and stand with me while I turn the TV on because my husband Dennis was in tower one. He came right in and stood next to me while I turned on the TV and he kept telling me “he’s downstairs having coffee at this time”. I said I don’t think so Ronnie. However, Dennis was upstairs in the building on the 63rd floor and we found out at 11 o’clock AM that Dennis escaped the building safely. Ronnie kept checking up on me and my kids periodically that day to see if we were OK. He would be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Joanne Kopik - December 22, 2025 at 10:54 PM

JJ

*Ron and Helen were my neighbors for many years. Friendships developed as their son and mine were both 13 year old baseball teammates. Ron always had time to stop his yard work or while going down the street to talk. My heartfelt sympathy to the Atlak family. RIP.*  
*Joe Jucciarone*

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**Joe Jucciarone** - December 23, 2025 at 11:53 AM

BR

*Dear Helen and Family, So very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. We will remember him fondly and keep you all in our prayers during this difficult time. With Sincere Sympathy, Barbara , Anthony & Peter Rossi*

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**Barbara Rossi** - December 26, 2025 at 06:05 PM