

Salvatore Passalaqua Sr.

January 20, 1946 - July 19, 2020

Salvatore P. Passalaqua, Sr., 74 of Matawan, NJ, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 19, 2020, with his family.

Sal was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1946. Sal served his country proudly after being drafted into the US Army, serving in Seoul, Korea in the Signal Corps from 1965-1967, during the Vietnam War. After returning from South Korea, he married his High School sweetheart Francine. As an electrician, Sal started to working at the New York City Transit Authority in 1967, as a car maintainer, moving on up to supervisor at the Coney Island Overhaul Shop retiring in 1992 after 25 years. After retiring, he started a small side business, washing windows in residential homes, with word of mouth this side business grew into many, many customers. He would always find a side job to make money, whether it was painting or doing small electrical jobs. Sal was a huge fan of Doo Wop music, The NY Rangers and the San Francisco 49ers. The one thing that he enjoyed the most was being with his family and friends. He was able to spend the last week of his life with all his family at the shore in Wildwood on their "Annual Family Summer Vacation". Sal always made all his friends he met feel like family. Sal was always a hard worker and instilled those values in his children.

Sal is survived by his wife of 52 years, Fran Passalaqua, his children, Karen (Robert) Aperawic and Sal P. Passalaqua, Jr; grandchildren, Cristian

Aperawic, Justin Aperawic, Brianna Aperawic and Alyna Passalaqua; sister in law, Ellen Passalaqua, nephew, Frank (Maria) Passalaqua; great nephews, Frank and Daniel Passalaqua.

Sal will certainly be missed by all he was a very strong man and never complained once about all his health issues. He was a warm hearted, gentle soul a "Legend".

In lieu of flowers family requests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project or Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday at Most Holy Redeemer Church located at 133 Amboy Road Matawan, NJ 07747. Followed by an interment at Ernst Memorial Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 23, 2020, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

During the current phase of reopening because of the Covid-19 Pandemic a maximum of 60 people are allowed in the funeral home wearing masks. Please limit your time spent inside the funeral home when paying your respects to the Passalaqua family, so that others have to opportunity to enter as well. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23.** 4:00 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.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JUL **24.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Most Holy Redeemer Church
133 Amboy Road
Matawan, NJ 07747

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Salvatore Passalaqua Sr.*



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - July 22, 2020 at 04:42 PM

TB

Sal was a good friend and neighbor. I remember when he moved to our development he was still doing side work and helping a lot of people with their projects. We had a connection in that we were both Army Veterans. I had also re connected with some old Army buddies like he had done recently. Sal will be missed. Bless his family and friends.
From Tim Baron and family.

Tim Baron - July 24, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ *Salvatore Passalaqua Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

PM

“ *Sal and I served together in Korea in 1967. We shared many good times and made many memories. I am twice his size and he could put me down every time that we wrestled. He was strong! He was a great pincole player and partner. We have shared many memories over the years. He is dearly missed!*

Phillip Marjason

Phillip Marjason - July 28, 2020 at 06:10 PM

LC

“ *Sal,
We were saddened to hear of the loss of your Dad, please accept our heartfelt condolences. Please share our sincere sympathy with your Mom for the loss of her dear husband, and with your daughter Alyna as well for the loss of her Pa.
May you & your family continue to find comfort in your shared memories.*

Your Friends, Lisa & Phil Contino

Lisa Contino - July 24, 2020 at 02:29 PM

LI

“ *Sal was always smiling and sweet . Every time we were around him we enjoyed his company. His presence always made my parents so happy to spend time with him and his beautiful wife Fran . He will be missed . Rest In Peace Sal .love to Fran & family.*

Love

Joey & Loretta Ingegnere

loretta ingegnere - July 24, 2020 at 09:01 AM

SV

“ *Sal, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. Words may not always help but memories build the precious stairway to healing. Know that you and your family now have a very Special Angel watching over you at all times. Take care and stay safe.*
Sue Vartz

Sue Vartz - July 23, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JF

“ *SAL and I knew each other for 50 years . We worked together in the transit and had our children around the same time . My memory of Sal is of a loving and kind hearted man , always with a smile on his boyish face . We enjoyed many good times together when we had our " LOST WEEKENDS " in Brigantine N.J. with the guys . He looked forward to do all of the cooking . We will miss you dearly . Rest in Peace buddy .--love Joe & Lucille Fareri.*

joe f. - July 23, 2020 at 04:28 PM

JF

“ *I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing Sal. Although I never met him I took some time to read all the great tributes here and I now know where you get some of your great character from, he sounds like a true gentleman. May you and your family find peace in knowing he is watching over you from a better place above. Stay strong...God Bless all of you.*



Jay Figliolino - July 23, 2020 at 04:02 PM

AT

“ Sal, please accept my sincere sympathy for the loss of your father. Losing your dad can be extremely difficult because you are losing a source of strength, stability and consistency in your life. I am sorry for your loss. Although I have never met your father it is evident in the fine man he raised which I consider a lifelong friend. Your heavenly father will provide you the strength and support that your dad once provided you. Please pass along my condolences to your Mom and the rest of the family as well.



Angelo Tufano - July 23, 2020 at 01:50 PM

TM

“ We're not sure what to say... Sal was like a second father to us. Many memories of being with the family during my college days with Sal, Jr. and the past 12 summers in Wild Wood Crest. It was a blessing to spend this past vacation with Sal and the family. We'll miss you, dad!

Todd & Jo Maxey - July 23, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ 132 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - July 22, 2020 at 04:00 PM

JO

“ Sal and Fran have been my neighbors for many years. Lovely people. Sal was always so friendly and helpful. He truly cared about his community. I will truly miss seeing him in our neighborhood. My deepest sympathies to Fran and the family. May he Rest in Eternal Peace 🙏

Joe Ortiz - July 21, 2020 at 06:12 PM

SA

“ His other pride and joy the “Caddy”.



sal - July 21, 2020 at 02:17 PM

ML

“ Sal was a kind and generous man. He was always giving of his time to his community which created a sense of family. From the time he and Fran moved into our community his presence was known. I cant recall one time when he would not stop to chat if we were outside whether on his walk or driving by. We will miss him. The Leto's

Miriam Leto - July 21, 2020 at 01:54 PM

SP

“ *Greatest Dad ever. Blessed to have spent last Christmas with him. Proud to be your son. Rest In Peace. Love you and always be missed.*



sal passalaqua - July 21, 2020 at 01:51 PM

BG

May fond memories of your father, bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Cheech.

Brent Gorman - July 21, 2020 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ *Sal was a great friend and neighbor. His standards were nothing less than what he expected from himself. He was helpful and kind to many. He was especially generous with both his skills and time when I needed assistance. I will never forget him - not for the things he did for me but rather for his friendship and kindness. Lunches and dinners with Fran & Sal always included great conversations. Fran and I will have to continue the custom. And I thank both of them for embracing me and sharing their family with me. We were lucky to have our walks and talks in the community. He served our homeowners association with great passion. Officially, he was vice president of the Deerwood Farms Board of Directors. But, really, he was the mayor. We would text each other frequently, although it took imagination to read some of his texts! He was devoted to Fran and their family. It didn't matter how far he had to travel to attend a hockey match or other events involving his grandchildren. I'm so grateful he got to spend his last days with them on their annual beach vacation. I will miss my "buddy," Sal.*

Carol A Hodes - July 21, 2020 at 12:45 PM

CH

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Carol A Hodes - July 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM

VS

The two kindest people you could ever meet... Always smiling and full of love ❤️

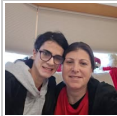
May you Rest In Peace With God Sal.. You deserve serenity ...Fran stay strong and remember all the great memories the two of you created!

vincent solazzo - July 21, 2020 at 12:36 PM

OB

Sal & I worked for the NYCTA. I started in 1970 & Sal was my first partner . We worked as electricians on New York City subway cars. He took me under his wing & got me through my first year. We knew each other for 26 years. He was the most helpful, funny, lift your spirit person I ever knew. I consider it an honor to have known him & I will miss him. He is with God.

Otto Buonovolonta - July 21, 2020 at 03:03 PM



May you Rest in Peace Sal and watch over your family and protect them. You will always be in our prayers.

Deborah Parker Signorile - July 22, 2020 at 07:34 AM

MM

I was very lucky to be Sal's friend for over 25 years. Sal was always fun to be with and was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. Marie and I always loved being with Sal and Fran whether it was at the transit dinners, visiting with them at Otto and Margaret's or out to dinner, a wonderful time was always had and we thank God for those memories. Sal was a great guy who will definitely be very missed! May he rest in peace. Love Marie and John Mahoney

Marie Mahoney - July 22, 2020 at 11:08 AM

OM

Our dear friend. Sal was kind, brave, always caring. He fought through many serious health issues and never complained Sal and Fran's love for each other and their family was inspirational and we were blessed to spend many happy times together. Sal is with God and watching over all of us. We are here for you Fran Love Otto Margaret and family

Otto and Margaret Molnar - July 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM

RS

Sal and I were partners with the transit authority for many years. We could always read each others minds without speaking a word. We took great delight in driving our fellow workers crazy, especially supervision. We had a special friendship in our hearts. We always respected each other. We shared many special times together. I am proud and honored to have had Sal as my friend. You will be missed my brother. Our love and prayers go out to Fran and family. With much love, Dominick and Rosemarie

Rosemarie and Dominick Spampinato - July 23, 2020 at 08:53 PM