



## Stephen Hess

April 7, 1958 - February 4, 2024

Stephen E. Hess, passed away on February 4, 2024, in Old Bridge. He was born on April 7, 1958, in Brooklyn, NY, to Frederick and Marie Hess.

Stephen attended high school at Monsignor Farrell, where he graduated in 1976. Stephen's journey in life included employment as an EMT for the FDNY. For seven years, he dedicated himself to helping others, selflessly serving the community he held dear. Stephen's compassion, dedication, and bravery made a lasting impact, and he will be forever remembered for his unwavering commitment to saving lives.

Stephen was known for his love of motorcycles. He was an enthusiast who found solace in the open road, often venturing out with his friends and brother, Fred. The freedom, camaraderie, and thrill of riding were a source of joy for Stephen, and he cherished the memories created on those journeys.

Stephen also loved to play softball and did so for many years across the numerous Staten Island softball leagues. When his time as a player came to end, Stephen turned to umpiring where he continued to be involved with the game he loved for many years.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife of over 28 years, Mela Hess, who was the center of his world. Together they built a beautiful life, filled with love and

laughter. Their bond was unbreakable, and their love was a testament to the power of a true partnership.

Stephen was a devoted father to his son, Nicholas, and his daughter, Charity. He cherished his role as a father and took great pride in watching his children grow, achieve their goals, and build their own families. Stephen's love for his children was immeasurable, and he was always there to offer support, guidance, and encouragement.

Stephen was a beloved brother to Fred and his wife, Lisa Hess, Kathleen and Joe Bowen, and Christopher. He shared a special bond with his siblings, and they were a source of strength and support throughout his life. Stephen treasured the moments spent with his family, cherishing the laughter, stories, and shared memories.

Stephen was a doting grandfather to his beloved grandchildren, Tegan, Brodan, Maevan, and Rydan. He found immense joy in their presence and cherished the time spent with them. Whether it was playing games, sharing stories, or simply being together, Stephen's love for his grandchildren knew no bounds.

Above all, Stephen adored his family. He relished every moment spent with his loved ones, creating lasting memories that will be cherished for generations to come. Stephen's love, kindness, and warmth touched the hearts of all who knew him, and his legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of those he leaves behind.

Stephen was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Marie Hess.

He is survived by his loving wife Mela, his cherished children Nicholas and Charity and husband Brendan, by his devoted siblings Fred and wife Lisa

Hess, sister Kathleen and husband Joe Bowen, brother Christopher. By his adored grandchildren Tegan, Brodan, Maeven and Rydan, and by his caring nieces and nephews, Corey Hess, Jesi Bowen and Matt and Erin Hess.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2024, 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.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service

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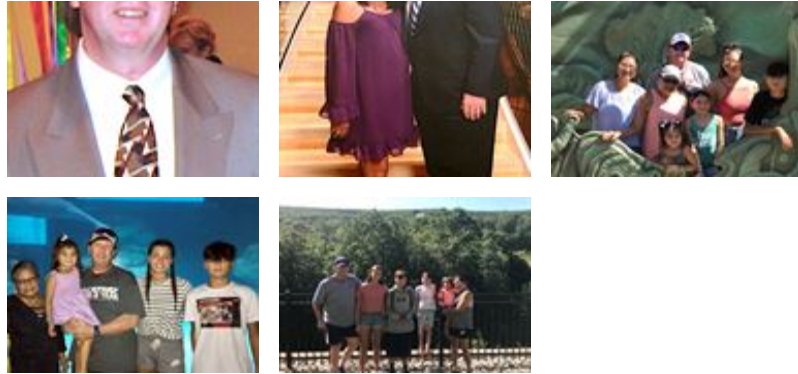
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# Tribute Wall



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - February 09, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Stephen Hess.



February 09, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stephen Hess.



February 08, 2024 at 02:12 PM

SM

“ Sallie, Jenn & Michelle purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Stephen Hess.



Sallie, Jenn & Michelle - February 07, 2024 at 01:58 PM

TO

“ The Candied Ham Softball Organization planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Hess.

The Candied Ham Softball Organization - February 07, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Hess.



February 07, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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“ Croce/Capizzo/Terlizzi Families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Stephen Hess.



Croce/Capizzo/Terlizzi Families - February 06, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Stephen Hess.*



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February 06, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ *Kathy and Joe Bowen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen Hess.*



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**Kathy and Joe Bowen** - February 06, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Hess.*



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February 06, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Love, Byrnes Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Hess.*

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**Love, Byrnes Family** - February 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM

LF

“ Love, Byrnes Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Stephen Hess.



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**Love, Byrnes Family** - February 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM

RN

“ Sending our condolences.  
Doc's Ballers

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**robert j nugent** - February 06, 2024 at 11:34 AM

LJ

“ Love you, Kathy & Jesi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen Hess.



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**Love you, Kathy & Jesi** - February 05, 2024 at 06:51 PM