



## Thomas Risholdt

December 13, 1944 - January 15, 2024

Thomas Risholdt, 79 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024, at the Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Born Wednesday, December 13, 1944 in Jersey City, Thomas was the son of the late Thomas and Thelma Risholdt.

Thomas was raised in Jersey City and was a graduate of Snyder High School. After High School Thomas joined the United States Army, serving in the 1st Calvary Division. After completing basic training he was deployed to South Korea and guarded the 38th parallel. Later he would say his outdoor patrols during the winter were the coldest he has ever felt. After his tour he received a honorable discharge and later served an additional 16 years in the army reserve. Whenever he saw a fellow veteran he always took the time to stop to talk about their service and to thank them.

After his military service, Thomas joined his father in the construction trade, working for 12 years in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Following his years in construction, Thomas worked in security for the Institute for Defense Analysis in Princeton before his retirement 17 years ago. In both the military and civilian work he was known for his dedication and an uncompromising work ethic.

Thomas would meet the love of his life, Irene Zub, and the couple would marry in 1973. They would first live in the Vailsburg section of Newark, before moving to Old Bridge in 1977. There they started a family of their own and raised their two sons.

Thomas loved antique cars all his life and enjoyed visiting the local car shows. He also enjoyed going on cruises and visiting casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas, and also loved watching football on television and attending minor league baseball games.

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Irene, by his loving sons, Michael and Mark, and by his cherished granddaughter Charlotte.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, January 19, 2024, at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday at St Ambrose Church located at 83 Throckmorton Ln Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857. Interment will be in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, East Brunswick, NJ.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Chestnut Hill Cemetery

Old Bridge Turnpike  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 19.** 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](mailto:hegartyfh@scaliahome.com)  
<https://www.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

## Service

**JAN 20.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St Ambrose Church  
83 Throckmorton Ln  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

## Service

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JAN 20. 12:15 PM (ET)

Chestnut Hill Cemetery  
Old Bridge Turnpike  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

# Tribute Wall



“ 144 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service** - January 19, 2024 at 10:51 AM

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“ As a former neighbor, I can say Tom was like family. He always greeted me with a smile, a handshake, and a genuine concern for my well-being. He will be missed by many. Praying for Irene, Michael, Mark, and the family.

*Ken Colavito and family*

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**Ken** - January 19, 2024 at 10:50 AM

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“ From Tiffany Diaz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Risholdt.

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**From Tiffany Diaz** - January 17, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Risholdt.*



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January 17, 2024 at 01:16 PM



“ *Aunt Irene, Michael and Mark,  
We are praying for strength and comfort for you. My family will miss Uncle Tom so much! He was one of a kind & I am so thankful that God gave him to me - he was the absolute best Godfather.  
Love to you all!  
Cathy, Kevin & family*

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**cathy** - January 17, 2024 at 11:05 AM