



William Cepero

September 12, 1955 - April 16, 2026

William Cepero, 70 of Old Bridge, New Jersey passed away on Thursday April 16, 2026, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey.

Born on Monday, September 12, 1955, in the Bronx, New York, William was the son of the late Ernesto and Ruth Cepero.

Raised in the South Bronx, William spent many of his summers in Puerto Rico with his family. He graduated from Aviation High School and then attended LaGuardia College.

Willie loved playing paddleball and would meet the love of his life playing one day at the courts in the Village. After a few failed attempts, Betty finally agreed, and they began a beautiful courtship. They married and lived in Queens before settling in Old Bridge 32 years ago. Willie worked in Operations and Record Management at the Bank of New York.

Willie's favorite pastime was playing paddleball and in his youth, he was ranked as one of the best players in New York City. His generosity and willingness to teach others the sport he loved was something to be inspired by. He was a fierce competitor, even as he got older, but he always held his ground on the courts. He also enjoyed playing handball, ping pong, and pickleball, especially with Betty. He was often seen walking his dog Koko

around his neighborhood, always a friendly face and a good conversation. Willie was a big fan of New York Sports, especially his favorite teams: the Knicks, Jets, and Yankees. He enjoyed watching the WWE and Lucha Libre wrestling matches. Willie was also a huge fan of horror, sci-fi, and Western movies.

More than anything, he loved being surrounded by his family and will be deeply missed by all those who love him. His goofiness and quick wit will be hard pressed to find, as he was always able to answer with a humorous comeback. He was always a good talker, and conversation was never something he lacked.

Willie was predeceased by his beloved wife, Betty, whom he missed everyday. Their love was something he talked about daily, and their bond forever eternal.

Willie is survived by his loving children, Christopher Cepero and Christina Cepero, his caring brother, Edgard and his wife Carmen; many nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St Jude Children's Research Hospital in his honor, an organization he cared for due to his wife's long battle with cancer. www.stjude.org/donate

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, April 26, 2026, 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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Madison J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Madison J. - April 26 at 03:32 PM

JR

“ Joseph R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Joseph R. - April 26 at 01:54 PM

RC

“ Revin C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Revin C. - April 26 at 12:50 PM

MC

“ Marisol C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Marisol C. - April 26 at 09:51 AM



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

April 25 at 10:15 PM

JC

“ Johanna Cepero purchased the Your Light Shine s for the family of William Cepero.



Johanna Cepero - April 25 at 01:09 PM

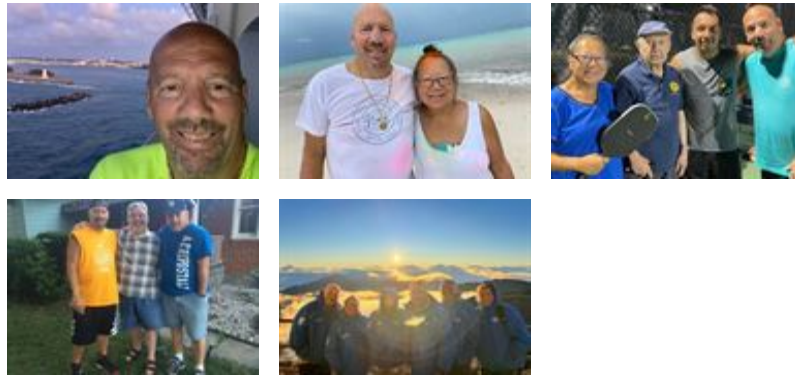
JC

“ Johanna Cepero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Johanna Cepero - April 25 at 01:09 PM



“ 152 files added to the album LifeTributes



Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service - April 25 at 11:39 AM



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

April 24 at 06:07 PM

1C

“ 121 club purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William Cepero.



121 club - April 24 at 01:19 PM

1C

“ 121 club planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of William Cepero.

121 club - April 24 at 01:19 PM

FJ

“ FROM DARRIN AND CHARMAINE JAMES purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Cepero.



FROM DARRIN AND CHARMAINE JAMES - April 23 at 08:32 AM

FJ

“ FROM DARRIN AND CHARMAINE JAMES planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of William Cepero.

FROM DARRIN AND CHARMAINE JAMES - April 23 at 08:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Cepero.*



April 22 at 06:24 PM



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

April 22 at 06:24 PM



“ *Love Ally, Pam, and Grasso purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of William Cepero.*



Love Ally, Pam, and Grasso - April 22 at 03:11 PM



“ *Your 121 Precinct SBA Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Cepero.*



Your 121 Precinct SBA Family - April 21 at 08:10 PM



“ Your 121 Precinct SBA Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Your 121 Precinct SBA Family - April 21 at 08:10 PM



“ Sorry I posted a memory of paddle ball Willy but I'm just reposting the corrections My name is Sal Coticelli I have known Paddleball Willy for over 36 years I remember this park called flower in New York City Manhattan I used to watch him hit the paddle or the racket ball we used to play together I'm only 44 years old I remember his wife may she rest in peace also that he used to pick up from work in New York City I know his son that plays also I remember him when he was younger and his daughter so scared of his passing he was like a second father to me in the game and he helped me out in the game of paddle ball he will be Missed □□□□□□

Sal Coticelli - April 21 at 07:24 PM



“ My name is Sal Coticelli I have known Paddleball Willy for over 36 years I remember this park called flower in New York City Manhattan I used to watch him hit the paddle or the racket ball we used to play together I'm only 44 years old I remember his wife may she rest in peace also that he used to pick up from work in New York City I know his son that plays also I remember him when he was younger and his daughter so scared of his passing he was like a second father to me in the game and he helped me out in the game of potable he will be Miss □□□□□□

Sal Coticelli - April 21 at 07:20 PM

LB

“ Love Petrie and Barbee purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of William Cepero.



Love Petrie and Barbee - April 21 at 06:21 PM

LB

“ Love Petrie and Barbee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cepero.

Love Petrie and Barbee - April 21 at 06:21 PM

LD

“ Love Razzore & D’Agostino purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of William Cepero.



Love Razzore & D’Agostino - April 21 at 05:42 PM

AE

“ Austin, VV, Difran, and Ev purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of William Cepero.



Austin, VV, Difran, and Ev - April 21 at 05:17 PM

JB

“ *A true paddleball aficionado, Willy was known on courts throughout New York and New Jersey. A big personality, you always knew when Willy was playing.*

Joe Baldari - April 21 at 04:42 PM