



Vincent "Jim" James Scalia

March 2, 1925 - August 13, 2019

Vincent James "Jim" Scalia, 94, passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Jim was born March 2, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York, the youngest of four children born to Anthony and Antoinette Manzo Scalia. He is survived by the love of his life, wife Dorothy Cummings Scalia; daughter, Patricia; granddaughter, Katherine Jones; sister, Joan Murphy; sister-in-law, Mae Scalia; many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews as well as God children. Jim was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank and Tom Scalia.

After graduating high school, Jim joined his brothers in the U.S. Navy. He served on L.S.T. 372 as a gunner's mate during World War II, "D Day" at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Jim said very little of that experience. He was 19 years old.

Jim married Dorothy Ann Cummings on November 1, 1947, celebrating almost 72 years of marriage.

Jim was a New York City Fire lieutenant and had many life-long friends from Engine Company 219. He retired after twenty years and began work as a national sales manager with the Masonite Corporation.

After retirement, Jim and Dorothy moved from their home in East Williston, New York, to a beach house in Breezy Point, New York, where Jim enjoyed deep sea fishing. Many days, Jim would fire up the grill, cook a package of hot dogs and pass them out to the kids running down the beach.

When age began to take its toll, Jim and Dorothy moved to a condominium in Mineola, New York, then to Topeka, Kansas, to be close to their daughter and granddaughter.

Jim was a devote Catholic who prayed the Rosary daily, was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 47 years, post commander of the Catholic War Veterans, and the VFW.

His Topeka front yard has a bird and squirrel feeder in the image of St. Francis with whom he shared a love for animals. He loved his family and friends. His love was boundless.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614.

Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2019, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley, 5181 Wildcat Creek Road, Manhattan KS 66503.

Cemetery Details

Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley

5181 Wildcat Creek Road
Manhattan, KS 66503

Previous Events

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AUG 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vincent "Jim" James Scalia*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I worked at one of Vincent's Doctors offices and I absolutely loved him and Dorothy. I loved how she called him her boyfriend. The kindest man I have met. May you rest in peace. Hugs and prayers to you Dorothy.*

Wendy Massey

wendy massey - August 26, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Mr. Scalia always made me feel welcome when I was dating his lovely daughter, Patricia. I'll always remember when he gave me too much money to take her out to one of his favorite NYC restaurants for her birthday. God bless you Mr. Scalia*

John LoSardo - August 24, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ *Pat - I am so very sorry for the loss of your father. Sending prayers and hugs to you.*

Lori Montgomery, Lawrence, KS

Lori Montgomery - August 19, 2019 at 09:09 AM

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“ *I did not know this good man, but from the account of his life, he was a role model for us all. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O' Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Bill Halvorsen, Elmdale, Kansas - August 19, 2019 at 07:59 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathies to Pat and the Scalia family and friends. I am always saddened by the passing of the greatest generation who at their young age helped our country overcome fascism. I am certain he will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.*



Mark J. Dinkel - August 17, 2019 at 07:02 PM