



Gary T. Scalzo Sr.

January 25, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gary T. Scalzo Sr., a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. Gary departed from this world on January 25th surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on June 7th into a large Italian family, he was the youngest of 10 children. Being the youngest, he was a true adventurer at heart. He found solace and joy in vacationing all over the world, especially when doing so with his favorite travel companion, granddaughter Michela.

Always the tinkerer, he enjoyed fixing things and working with his hands. His curiosity led him to a lifelong journey of learning new things, believing that age is no barrier to the pursuit of knowledge.

More than anything, he was our rock. A dependable presence in all our lives, the anchor of his family and friends. He was always our first phone call and the one we looked to in times of joy and sorrow. His quick wit and ever-present Dad jokes added a special kind of humor and warmth to every gathering. Patient and kind, he had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel heard and understood.

Gary was exceptionally proud of his six-decade career, leaving an indelible mark on various parts of the world. From Cape Canaveral to Okinawa, from Homey Airport (Area 51) to Ordnance Technology Service, Inc., he contributed significantly to the fields he worked in. He spent the last 25 years of his career at OTS, a position he greatly enjoyed and where he considered his co-workers to be a second family.

In addition to his many passions, Gary was an avid Cleveland sports fan as well as a huge supporter of the Mentor High School Cardinals. His enthusiasm brought an extra layer of excitement to gatherings with his friends, as he proudly cheered on his beloved teams.

As we say goodbye to Gary T. Scalzo Sr., we remember a life well-lived-one filled with love, laughter, and an unwavering commitment to family and friends. We will miss him beyond words but our cherished memories will forever keep his spirit alive in our hearts.

Gary is survived by his children Gary T. (Tonja) Scalzo Jr., Joelle E. Scalzo, grandchildren Zachary (Maya) Scalzo, Michela (Hayden) Rocco-West, great granddaughter Lilah Eloise Scalzo, sister Mary Colella, several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, as well as his Ordnance Technology family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Rosario and Grace (Casillo) Scalzo, brothers George, Mike, and Joel Scalzo, and five sisters, Angeline Ostapowicz, Sara Griswald, Kate Bell, Margaret Kimmell, and Ruth Joki. Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 3pm till 7pm at Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake OH 44095. Funeral Service will be held at 7pm also at the funeral home.

Gary will be laid to rest at Castleview Memorial Gardens, 3010 Wilmington Rd, New Castle, PA 16105, please meet at the funeral home at 8:30am on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 if you would like to attend the burial. Burial will be at 11:30am

May he rest in eternal peace.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve in Gary's name.

Tribute Wall

FH

“ Farewell to the consummate gentleman that always had a kind words and time for others. It has been quite a run since Complex 30 to OTS. Your kindness to Lynne and I when we were looking for a place to settle in the Villages will never be forgotten. I am sure the Lord has you very near. Be at Peace.
Fred& Lynne Harmon

Fred Harmon - January 29, 2024 at 02:15 PM

CJ

“ Dear Gary,
I say farewell to a beautiful friend of over 40 years and know that I will truly miss you. You always had a smile on your face, sincerity in your heart, and a helping hand to lend. You made everyone you touched a better person. I know you made me see life in a brighter light and to take it less seriously. You will always have a special place in my heart! Love you, Gary! Cathy Jo

Cathy Jo - January 29, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..



January 28, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CD

“ Carole D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..

Carole D. - January 27, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JW

“ Goodbye to the nicest, most patient man I ever knew. You enriched my life and thank you, Gary. Jon Boy

jon wagner - January 27, 2024 at 06:17 AM

LE

“ Love, Tara, Alex, Kelly, Caelyn & Emily purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..



Love, Tara, Alex, Kelly, Caelyn & Emily - January 26, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JD

“ Joseph D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..

Joseph D. - January 26, 2024 at 09:59 PM

TR

“ Enjoy your Heavenly Homecoming party, my Gary. I will miss you beyond words. I am so grateful for our special friendship and all the time we had together. We will laugh together again. I love you so much. Tina

tina rogers - January 26, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..*



January 26, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ *Love , The Goddess gals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..*

Love , The Goddess gals - January 26, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gary T. Scalzo Sr..*



January 26, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ *A memory of Gary that I will never forget is when Michela was in high school and the Fighting Cardinal Marching Band. No matter where the band was or how cold it was, as soon as the band was done performing he would appear with cups of hot chocolate. I began looking for him as I knew he would always be there. Always with a warm greeting and a smile.*

Patti - January 26, 2024 at 06:19 PM