



Bernard J Crescione

February 15, 2026

Bernard J. Crescione (Bernie) of Ormond Beach, Florida passed away peacefully on February 15th, 2026 at the grand age of 94.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York to the late John and Sarah Crescione. Life then took the family to Easthampton, Mass. where Bernie graduated from high school. In his early 20's Bernie very proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He often told the story of how every 4th man in the enlistment line was told they would be a Marine. There was no choice involved. And How he loved telling his Marine stories!

After the service and back in Brooklyn Bernie married his first wife Randi, became a union carpenter both in New York and New Jersey where he worked while raising their young family and then continued into retirement.

One very notable event was in 1962 when Bernie went bow hunting for deer in Westchester, NY (with little to no experience) and bagged a 16 point buck and had to drag it miles back to the car! He was so proud to be entered into the Pope & Young registry of prized bow captures of big game. His story telling of the whole adventure was priceless!

Throughout his married life Bernie built 4 homes of which he was very proud .He mostly loved Sebastian, Florida and his little fishing boat on which he

would regularly be found fishing on the Sebastian River...a very fond memory of his grandson Victor. He loved fishing, visits by the grandchildren, playing cribbage and gin rummy, and playing the piano. He was very proud of being "self taught". His favorite line was "let me play you a little tune". Bernie loved telling a good joke. His jokes are legendary and often led to a good belly-laugh.

Bernie is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marlene Crescione, 3 loving children: Susan Knox, John Crescione, Lisa Ezeir with son-in-law Felix Ezeir. Also stepson Timothy Rourke and brother Anthony Crescione. Additionally his grandchildren Victor, Justine, Jason, Kristy, Tina, Lisa, John and Taylor as well as 16 great grandchildren. These "grands" and "greats" were his pride and joy. This father and "PopPop" was the true patriarch of this beautiful family and will forever be deeply missed.

Visitation followed by memorial service to be held on Sunday March 8th from 11am - 1pm at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services 111 Main St. Matawan, NJ

PLEASE NOTE: IN LIEU OF FLOWERS..memorial donations may be made to K9's FOR WARRIORS..training and providing service dogs for disabled and PTSD veterans. Bernie loved his shepherds in his younger days and his beagles later in life.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services Inc.
111 Main Street
Matawan, NJ 07747

Tribute Wall

SM

“ We'll miss him dearly. One of our favorite people...heart of gold and loving.

Susan Mentzel - March 11 at 04:42 PM

JC

“ Susan, John, Lisa and family, our condolences and prayers to you and your extended families on the passing of Bernie. He's was a great man may he rest in peace and in your hearts. RIP Bernie.

John Ciccone - March 08 at 09:24 AM

CC

“ Dear Susan, Johnny & Lisa,
My deepest sympathies for the loss of your dad.He was so very proud of you, his grandchildren and he loved being Popup to his great-grandkids! With his quick wit and animated stories and jokes,he gave the gift of laughter to so many people.Who could forget his piano playing AND his fresh clams and linguini was the absolute best! He will be missed by us all...
Love, Cheryle Ann Campbell

Cheryle Ann Campbell - February 28 at 06:18 AM

SH

“ Dad playing in Atlantic City for the diners in what was Betty's room at Ceasars. How he loved to entertain.



Susan Holt - February 24 at 01:12 PM

TK

Sue, I am keeping you and your entire family in my thoughts and prayers. May your beloved Dad rest in peace 🙏❤️

Theresa Ross Kennebrew - February 24 at 09:26 PM