



Francesco Scalia

March 12, 1937 - April 30, 2019

Francesco Scalia, 82, a farmer from Visalia returned to the comfort of our Lord on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

He was born on March 12, 1937, in Cattolica Eraclea, Sicily, and immigrated to Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 1957. He married Antonina Vaccaro in 1964. He moved to California in 1977. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Sons of Italy Lodge in Visalia.

In 1977 Francesco and his brothers and sister started their family business of Four Seasons Ranch as almond and grape farmers, and enjoyed their years of success working together side by side as it reminded them of their years growing up in Sicily.

Francesco lived and loved life to the fullest. He was a very loyal and hardworking family man. His many loved ones will remember his generosity and dedication to his family. His great joy was in living, laughing, and the success he created and inspired in others. Francesco's passion was watching his farm grow and working the land, in addition to making homemade wine with the grapes from his vineyard. He loved to watch hockey with his sons and was an avid fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Giuseppe Scalia and Maria

Contino Scalia, and his eldest brothers, Giuseppe Scalia and Diego Scalia. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Antonina (Nina) Scalia; his children, Mary Scalia, Joe Scalia and wife Sally, Frank Anthony Scalia and wife Christi, and grandchildren Frankie, Giuseppe, Milania and Giuliana Scalia. He is also survived by his sister Angela Zambito of Visalia and sister Josie Borsellino of Toronto, Canada.

Visitation will be held 4:30-7:30 pm Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel in Visalia with a rosary prayed at 6:00 pm. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, May 3, 2019 at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Visalia. Interment will follow at Visalia District Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the American Stroke Foundation at Americanstroke.org.

Cemetery Details

Visalia District Cemetery

1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 2. 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Rosary

MAY 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Funeral Mass

MAY 3. 9:30 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
608 N. Church Street
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Francesco Scalia*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Joe & Barbara Di Filippo purchased the Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket for the family of Francesco Scalia.*



Joe & Barbara Di Filippo - May 02, 2019 at 01:28 PM

LP

“ *Love Steve & Gina Paul purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Francesco Scalia.*



Love Steve & Gina Paul - May 02, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Francesco Scalia.*



May 02, 2019 at 08:45 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Francesco Scalia.*



May 02, 2019 at 08:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francesco Scalia.*



April 30, 2019 at 09:32 PM