



## Richard John Mato

October 16, 1941 - December 4, 2018

Richard John Mato, 77, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on December 4, 2018.

Richard was born October 16, 1941 in Manhattan, NY to William and Ellen Mato. He was a Hicksville High School graduate in 1959. He went on to pursue his love for flying and attended the Aviation Center at Farmingdale State College, in Farmingdale NY. After graduating from college, he joined the Navy and became a Navy pilot. Richard then worked as a great salesman for most of his life.

Beloved husband of wife Dorothy Louise Mato. Loving father of his children Richard Mato, Maureen Jeffries and husband Gilbert, John Mato, and the late James Mato, Step children Janice Irolla, Dominick Chiuchiolo and wife Nicole, Anne Moston and husband Evan and Jessica Cortez and husband Chris.

Cherished Grandfather of Jamie, Christian, Brodie, Avery, Spencer, Nathaniel, Julian, Nicole, Zachery, Kaden, Michael, Dominick, Taylor, Derek, Lily and CJ. Caring brother of his siblings Bill Mato and wife Fran, Theresa Pascucci and husband Tom.

Richard had a passion for so many things in life especially his love for music where he expressed himself in singing and dancing. He was a proud member of the Whalers Barbershop chorus on Long Island and the Suncoast Barbershop chorus in Florida.

Richard loved to ballroom dance with his wife Dorothy as they attended many venues including the Gulf Port Casino in Florida. Richard had an expertise for finding treasures to buy and sell. He was a real people person and made many cherished friends along the way. Richard was knowledgeable in many areas and shared that with his children and grandchildren. He always encouraged them to use their talents and abilities. His family adored him as he spent a lot of time sharing stories, food and fine wine. He was a very proud patriotic veteran who started out as a young scout. He loved our country and he honored the American Flag and all it stood for. He was proud of his Irish heritage and was blessed a couple months ago as he was able to take his last trip to Ireland with his brother Bill. Richard and his wife Dorothy had a genuine love for each other and anyone that knew them would always say how they really were soulmates and had found true love. They made their mark in this world together and always enjoyed life to the fullest! He had a very strong faith in God and was comforted by this in his last days. Richard John Mato lived a

joyous life. He kept the “whole world singing” and the world has lost a great and loving man!

# Cemetery

# Events

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## Calverton National Cemetery

210 Princeton Blvd  
Calverton, NY, 11933

**DEC 9** **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc.  
85 Medford Avenue, Patchogue, NY, US, 11772

**DEC 9** **Memorial Service** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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**DEC 10** **Funeral Mass** 10:45AM

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St. John the Evangelist RC Church  
25 Ocean Avenue, Center Moriches, NY, US, 11934

**DEC 10** **Burial of Ashes** 12:30PM

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210 Princeton Blvd, Calverton, NY, US, 11933

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



**David A. Martinez III** - December 12, 2018 at 10:08 AM

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“ I miss Richie! We always had such good rapport. And I miss Dottie also. Come back to Florida, Dottie.

**Clare McCreary** - December 09, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ Richie was a proud member of the Florida Suncoast Barbershop chorus. He delighted in bragging about Clare as the oldest active member in the world. I cherish my time listening to the harmonious music and the comradery of the chorus.

**Dorothy Mato** - December 26, 2018 at 03:55 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard John Mato.



December 09, 2018 at 06:23 AM

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“ I'm deeply saddened to read about the passing of Rich. My heart and my condolences go out to Dottie and to all of Richie's family members who are feeling his loss so terribly. I'm so very, very sorry.  
Truly,  
Amy Ellison

**Amy Ellison** - December 09, 2018 at 12:50 AM

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“ Thank you Amy. I am finally able to go on this site.  
**Dorothy Mato** - December 26, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ Dearest Dotti and your love one's my dearest condolence! Remember going to Tampa bay racetrack, and all the fun we had. Getting into the racetrack and owners and trainers, picking the winning horse, eating, drinking and having fun. He loved people and he loved you. Your friend, lois.

**Lois Sabia** - December 08, 2018 at 06:31 PM

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“ Thank you Lois. Richie was full of life and passion. He didn't leave any stones unturned for sure.  
**Dorothy Mato** - December 26, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ My condolences to family and friends . i had the pleasure of singing with Richie in the Suncoast Chorus . Dave Hamilton

**David Hamilton** - December 08, 2018 at 05:23 PM

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“ I have many memories singing with Richie and enjoying his friendship and goodwill toward all he met. I especially remember last Valentine's day when he was determined to join one last quartet with his friends in the Florida Suncoast Chorus despite his health. It was a pleasure to sing with him that evening, and it was always an honor to sing with him, be his friend, and enjoy the love and good feelings he spread wherever he went. With much love to him and Dottie, Michael

**Michael Smith** - December 08, 2018 at 02:50 PM

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“ Richie was such a friend to me in Suncoast Harmonisers. he was always so cheerful and positive, Then at the end of the meeting he would sometimes whisper that he had been in pain but still enjoyed our fellowship at the Barbershop Group.

So Richie was a Hero, he was a fine example of great strength of character. He loved his faith and we shared that within the Catholic Church. I am sure that the Good Lord will be asking Richie to tune up the choir in heaven.

Chris Fuse

Chris Fuse - December 08, 2018 at 01:45 PM

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“ 10 files added to the album LifeTributes



Ceil - December 08, 2018 at 12:18 PM

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“ I met Richie and Dottie three years ago when I joined Richie's chorus. We were both leads and spent a lot of time together. I loved to hear his New York stories since my daughter has lived there for 10 years. I was just learning to sing and Richie and Dottie (whom I named my "stage mom") were so very supportive and always positive. They loved it when my quartet and I sang Billy Joel's Lullabye (Goodnight, My Angel). I so wanted to sing it to him one last time. Read the lyrics. Imagine God welcoming Richie with this song.

Richie had so many health issues over time. He was a real fighter and usually won with his positive attitude. I believe God blessed him and Dottie with some extra years.

I wish you eternal happiness, my dear friend.

John Simmons

John Simmons - December 07, 2018 at 08:43 PM

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“ What a beautiful man. A loving heart, always gracious and wanting to see everyone around him succeed. He made everyone feel a little better about themselves. I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone.

There is a yiddish word: "Mensch". While a cursory definition of it may be "a person of honor and integrity", it is so much more than that. A parents' sincerest desire is that their child grow up to be a mensch. A child's greatest blessing is to have have a parent who's a mensch.

Richard John Mato....mensch.

Lance Lubin - December 07, 2018 at 06:05 PM

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“ Dear Mato-Jeffries Family, my deep condolences to you. I first met Richard at Maureen and Gil's wedding weekend. I vividly remember dancing with him, what a great dancer he was, and he was so vibrant, friendly and charming as well. I will always remember your dad as that warm, fun-loving, man. My love goes out to all of you, I know you will miss him so very much. Love, Stacey James

Stacey James - December 07, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ Love and prayers from Texas.

Jim and Charlotte Vass

Jim Vass - December 07, 2018 at 04:04 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard John Mato.



December 07, 2018 at 03:50 PM

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“ Karen and Rob Orcutt purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Richard John Mato.



Karen and Rob Orcutt - December 07, 2018 at 11:00 AM

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“ 271 files added to the album LifeTributes



Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc. - December 07, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ There wasn't a time that I didn't see a smile on Rich's face. He made it contagious. Two memories that stand out for me was when he and the Whailers came to my front door to sing a Happy Anniversary song, and another when I came home from work to find a lovely note explaining the proper way to hang the American flag in full detail. Not only was he a patriot to his country, but an all around excellent example of how we all should act as we go through life. Rip my friend

david drange - December 07, 2018 at 12:49 PM

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“ Petr & Mike - 49th Street Auto purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard John Mato.



Petr & Mike - 49th Street Auto - December 07, 2018 at 08:34 AM

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“ This is my tribute and what I wrote at the moment that we went to see my Uncle and he just had passed away!!! RIP Uncle Rich!!! You are and always will be such a beautiful soul!!! You and Aunt Dot always knew the meaning of living and loving!!! We will always treasure the times we all had with you and how you and Aunt Dot really exemplified what true love and soul mates are!!! I thank you for always loving her and being a true gentlemen!!! We will miss our duo staying at Mommies and the laughs and stories always!!! Our family will grieve you but know you will be with each of us and with your love Aunt Dot always!!! Love you Uncle Rich!!!! Xoxo God Bless and you are with him now!!! Xoxo Dorothy Vocht-Mato

**Amanda M. Warren** - December 07, 2018 at 04:01 AM

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“ Dancing with Rich will always be a favorite memory for me.

**carole j.** - December 06, 2018 at 03:57 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard John Mato.



December 06, 2018 at 11:23 AM