



Mario Chierchia

February 15, 1946 - December 8, 2020

Mario Chierchia, 74 of Great Kills, passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at Staten Island University Hospital South surrounded by his loving family.

Born Friday, February 15, 1946 in Naples, Italy, he was the son of the late Louis Luigi Chierchia and the late Cotilda Fattarusso Chierchia.

Mario a life long Steamfitter was hard working, and lived for his work. Loving what he did Mario worked until the age of 72 as a local 638 Steamfitter member retiring just 2 short years ago.

Mario and his wife Mary have traveled the World together, not only all over the United States but trips to Italy, Barcelona, Greece, Turkey, Egypt where in Cairo Mario was chased down the road but a wayward Donkey who had gotten loose and decided to pursue Mario. A vision his family and friends will never forget. They attended the Cannes Film Festival on the French Riviera, Were Spectators of Princess Grace on their trip to Monaco. Switzerland, the Bahamas, Aruba, Jackson Hole Wyoming to just name a few of their favorite trips. Mario finally got to go horse back riding at a dude ranch in Arizona, and visit Graceland to appease his wife Mary who idolized Elvis. He got to experience the natural beauty of Sedona while being squished by Mary in a jeep coming down the mountain. Loving and living life to the fullest was what Mario and Mary did every day and had no regrets until the day he was no longer with us.

Mario loved his family more than anything and was devoted to them beyond measure, his passing has left a void not only in his families hearts but in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved him. Mario was a force, he was there for anyone who needed him, one phone call was all it took for Mario to spring into action to help out.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Antoinette Chierchia.

Loving father of Mario Chierchia and Christopher Chierchia. Dear father in law of Michele and Jennifer. Cherished grandfather of Vienna, Mario, Chelsea and Brody. Devoted brother of Anna, Mary, Tommy, Ralph, Louis and the late Jerry and Anthony.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, December 11, 2020, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 30 person in room policy is in effect, as well as a maximum of 150 people permitted in Church. Please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note:

We do not accept deliveries from outside vendors for bakery products, fruit baskets, and floral arrangements until further notice.

Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in house floral designers who work under the most stringent sanitary conditions which include temperature checks, mask wearing, distancing and protective clothing. To place a floral order please call 718-948-2016.

We must protect the families we serve, our own families and staff who operate the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery

Greenwood Cemetery

500 25th Street

Brooklyn, NY, 11232

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 09:00PM

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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, NY, US, 10312

DEC **Service** 10:00AM

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St. Clare Church
110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, NY, US, 10308

Comments



“ To Mario Jr. and family,

So sad to hear of Mario's passing. I got to know your Dad through the Steamfitters Union. We were all blessed knowing him. He told me stories and had me laughing for hours. He was a very proud Union member and took pride in his work. It was always a pleasure to help and assist him in anyway. I will always remember him and prayers for the whole family. God bless, Mario.

Regards,

Al Freehill

al freehill - December 14, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ Dear Chris & Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss especially as the holiday season is underway. This time of the year should be a time for the utmost cheer, but now you must grieve. Just remember all of the good times. This year has easily been quite difficult, but if anything it will make us all cherish our loved ones even more. I remember just a few years ago seeing you and catching up at my Great Uncle Dario's birthday bash and I was relieved to hear your dad was doing better after learning about his health hiccups. Again, we send our deepest condolences. It is never easy to lose a loved one.

Melissa Marini & Family

Melissa Marini - December 11, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Hi Melissa.. I can't thank you enough for taking the time out to share such caring words. It means so much to me and my family.. tough days ahead but will certainly remember all the good times and luckily there were quite a few. Thank you again - Love Chris

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ My heart breaks to hear of your passing. Many great memories with you and your family. My Aunt Cathy and Uncle Richie became your friends in Brooklyn and in turn we all became family. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Mario, Chris and their families. I hope you find comfort and peace knowing he's with Uncle Richie, just like old times.
Love you!

stefanie Bifone Alvarado - December 11, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ Thank you Stef.. my father adored you and your family and we had so much fun over the years. He will surely be missed but never forgotten. Thanks again.. Love Chris

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ Mario was my brother-in-law, married to my oldest sister, Mary and was in my life since I was 5 years old. Though life's circumstances separated us between the east and west coasts, our heart connection was never broken. Regular calls and visits to California and New York were always filled with laughs, love, tears and memories. My fondest memory was when Mario bought me a very fancy coat for Christmas when I was 14. He made me feel so special and loved, that I was overwhelmed with tears. Only God knew that Mario and Mary's visit with us in Arizona would be his last. I am so blessed that our parting words to each other were, "I love you".

Mario, you will be FOREVER in my heart...

Donna Holmquist - December 11, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ Love you Aunt D.. hold on the wonderful memories over the years and know that Dad loved you so much and looked at you as his little sister. I'm so happy you guys got to spend time together recently and he told me how proud he was of you and Uncle Tony. He just fell in love with your new home and was thrilled that you guys were settling into retirement in such fine fashion. I love you more than you could ever know and always feel at ease when speaking to you both. Xoxoxo

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ To Mary, Mario and Chris. You guys were always close to the Bifone family, and still are without a doubt, part of just one big happy family. Big Mario was a great man with a huge heart.

So many memories and laughs when you were around Mary and Mario, and the laughs just kept on coming. You will be missed BIG maahrio..... Rest In Peace. Frank Bifone



Frank Bifone - December 11, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ Frank...Just hearing you say Big Mario makes me laugh brother. There was never a shortage of laughs around my pops and he will be missed terribly. Love you brother.. be well

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ Mario was the best, such a warm, kind and generous man. The Bifone family had the pleasure of meeting Mary and Mario years ago through my Aunt Cathy and Uncle Richie Bifone when they all lived in Brooklyn. I still remember that day vividly. That friendship blossomed into one that had wonderful memories, parties, holidays, Sunday dinners you name it, we had it. Words cannot express the loss we feel of losing such a wonderful man. He was truly one of a kind. My deepest condolences to Mary, Chris, Mario and their families. We will be thinking of you at this time, sending hugs and prayers. I know his friends up above are waiting for him with open arms, welcoming him home. Rest in Peace Mario, you will be missed.

Michele Bifone Rivera

Michele Rivera - December 11, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Thank you Michele. You guys meant a lot to Dad and were an extension of our family as well.. we certainly lost a good one and I take comfort in that he and Big Richie are sharing a few laughs as we speak. Much love - Christopher

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ Love, Stash & Cookie Andruchowitz purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mario Chierchia.



Love, Stash & Cookie Andruchowitz - December 11, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Love, Kathy & Tommy Pontone & Tommy 3rd purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Mario Chierchia.



Love, Kathy & Tommy Pontone & Tommy 3rd - December 11, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Mario was a kind and generous man.He loved his Mary and his sons and grandchildren so much.He was always willing to help whenever or wherever someone needed him.He was a great friend to me and my late husband Al!He will never be forgotten.He will always be with us because love never dies! Rest In Peace my friend! Love,Roe O'Neill

Roe O'Neill - December 11, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ Thank you Roe.. you certainly shared a lot of fond memories with Dad which always included quite a few laughs. He spoke so highly of you and Al and was completely devastated when Al had passed. I pray that they will see each other soon as they will have some catching up to do. Love you Roe!!

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ Love, Roe O'Neill purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mario Chierchia.



Love, Roe O'Neill - December 11, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Mario was a man of heart. I don't know of anyone who had a bad word to say about him.

We shared many good times from West 12th Street to Staten Island. He would give you the world. Now Mario the gang will be waiting to welcome you with open arms. Gone but never ever forgotten.

With all my love

Ange

Angela Parente - December 11, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ He loved you and Butch dearly Ange. So many wonderful memories with Dad that will last forever. Love you - Christopher

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mario Chierchia.



December 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ Love, Kevin, Dina & the Staff of Kevin's Auto Body purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mario Chierchia.



Love, Kevin, Dina & the Staff of Kevin's Auto Body - December 10, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ Richie & Adrienne Marini purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mario Chierchia.



Richie & Adrienne Marini - December 10, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mario Chierchia.



December 10, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mario Chierchia.



December 10, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mario Chierchia.



December 10, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ I love Mario and Mary. I'd play Santa every year and see them at affairs often since I'm a high school friend of their nephew Tommy and good friends with their nephew Louie and niece Grace Ann. I'd see them both on Staten Island often. I've come to love the entire Chierchia since meeting them in June 1983. 37 years later we're still friends they've been like a second family to me with Tommy and Rose being like my surrogate mother and father. My wife and I are fond of Mario and Mary. The world lost with Mario leaving and going to heaven. my love and Condolences
Anthony&Angela Curatola

Anthony Curatola - December 10, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ Thank you for the kind words Anthony.. the holidays were so special indeed and we appreciate you sharing in the fun as well. If you were a friend of Dad, you knew you were a friend for life. Thank you - Christopher

Christopher Chierchia - December 11, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mario Chierchia.



December 10, 2020 at 03:29 PM