



## Michael Mattia

May 21, 1958 - April 24, 2024

Michael Mattia  
(1958-2024)

Michael Mattia, 65, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, while at his vacation home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Michael is survived by his loving wife of almost 44 years, Regina (nee Breen); children Michael Nicholas Mattia, Elizabeth Ann Gerace and her husband Charles, and Erin Danielle Pomykala and her husband Michael; grandchildren Avery, C.J., Michael, Michael, Breen, Daniel, and Lucas.

Born on May 21, 1958, in Brooklyn, New York to Nicholas and the late Theresa Mattia. Michael was the elder brother of Janine (Mule). Michael was the devoted son in law to the late Daniel and Rosemary Breen. He attended Lafayette High School before receiving his Associates Degree from Kingsborough Community College in 1978 and Bachelor's Degree in Physical Therapy from SUNY Downstate in 1980. He went on to receive his Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from Long Island University in 1984, his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Temple University in 2005, and his Master's Degree in Health Administration from Ohio University in 2012.

Michael established a successful private practice, Mattia Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation, in 1985 where he served thousands throughout Brooklyn, NY

until 2023. He held various leadership positions in hospitals throughout Brooklyn, including Director of Rehabilitation at Kings Highway Hospital. He was a mentor in his field, receiving many honors for his work in the profession. He served as Adjunct Professor at the College of Staten Island. Most recently, he held the role of Director of the Physical Therapy Assistant program at Kingsborough Community College. He was inducted into the Wall of Fame at Kingsborough Community College. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the late Mayor David Dinkins.

He was an advocate for advancing the practice of physical therapy as an active member of the American Physical Therapy Association with a focus on the New York Chapter. He served as President of the New York Physical Therapy Association for four years where he received the Leslie J. Wood Outstanding Service to Chapter Award and the Doreen Frank Legislative Award.

In his free time, you could find Michael with Regina by his side, spending time with their children and grandchildren. Together, they attended mass each Sunday at their parish, Holy Child Roman Catholic Church. Michael loved to be surrounded by his grandchildren wherever that may have been; in his pool, at the beach, on vacation, and as their biggest fan at their games and recitals. He enjoyed fishing with family and friends, golfing with his sons, listening to the Beatles, and attending concerts. He enjoyed traveling to various locations with Regina, as well as socializing with their many friends.

Michael will be truly missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his generous spirit, and ability to connect with everyone he met.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Michael's memory to The American Heart Association.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAY 1. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church  
4747 Amboy Road  
Staten Island, NY 10312



# Tribute Wall



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Dr Mattia's family. please accept my condolences .* ”



sally omar - May 01, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



sally omar - May 01, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin was purchased for the family of Michael Mattia.* ”



May 01, 2024 at 06:27 PM

CC

“ On behalf of the LaGuardia Community College PTA Program, we extend our deepest condolences to Dr. Mattia's family during this difficult time.

*Dr. Mattia was a dear friend, colleague, mentor, and a strong supporter of PTA education. We appreciate all that he did for the profession and the community. He will be missed.*

*Our love and admiration.*

*Clarence Chan, Director of PTA program, LaGuardia Community College*

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**Clarence Chan** - May 01, 2024 at 06:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Mattia.*



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May 01, 2024 at 11:42 AM

LA

“ *Linda Ayuso planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Mattia.*

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**Linda Ayuso** - May 01, 2024 at 11:42 AM

FM

“ I met Mike 30+ years ago  
Mike was many things to me. A boss, professor, mentor, landlord,  
fishing buddy, but most of all, a good friend.  
We were like family. The shock is still there. He was one of the best  
people I have ever met. A great PT, family man, and friend. I will  
miss our fishing trips and talks.

Frank Moschella - May 01, 2024 at 10:55 AM

CA

“ Chris Kraus & Daoud Awad planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Mattia.

Chris Kraus & Daoud Awad - May 01, 2024 at 08:14 AM

CA

“ Chris Kraus & Daoud Awad purchased the Divine  
Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Mattia.



Chris Kraus & Daoud Awad - May 01, 2024 at 08:14 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the  
family of Michael Mattia.



April 30, 2024 at 09:11 PM

WP

“ With Deepest Sympathy, Scerbo PT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Mattia.

With Deepest Sympathy, Scerbo PT - April 30, 2024 at 09:11 PM

ME

“ Matthew R. Ebben purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Mattia.



Matthew R. Ebben - April 30, 2024 at 05:00 PM

LC

“ Love, Teresa and Cecilia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Mattia.



Love, Teresa and Cecilia - April 30, 2024 at 03:59 PM

LF

“ Love Ryan Plenty and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael Mattia.



Love Ryan Plenty and family - April 29, 2024 at 09:03 PM

DF

“ I was fortunate to meet Michael when we started at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in 1981 and just as others have said, his smile and enthusiasm was extended to all. We remained in touch over the next several decades with our connection to getting laws passed in NYS to help our patients and profession. Mike was one of the best advocates and remained an optimist despite how long it was taking to succeed. His smile remained. Mike was a wonderful role model in so many ways. Your family must be so very proud of him. We were blessed to know him.

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**Doreen Frank** - April 29, 2024 at 06:07 PM

AR

“ I am very saddened to hear about Mike's passing. Mike was a great mentor and friend. He was instrumental in helping me get more involved in APTA NY. I always looked forward to seeing him at meetings and hearing his wise thoughts on the issues impacting our profession. Mike was also quick to tell me about his family and how much they meant to him. Thank you to his family for sharing him with the PT community. He made a lasting impact on our profession.

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**Adam R** - April 29, 2024 at 05:49 PM

AD

“ APTA-NY Brooklyn/Staten Island District purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael Mattia.



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**APTA-NY Brooklyn/Staten Island District** - April 29, 2024 at 03:51 PM

TP

“ *The College of Staten Island DPT Program purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Mattia.*



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**The College of Staten Island DPT Program** - April 29, 2024 at 03:44 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Guzzardi Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Michael Mattia.*



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**Love, The Guzzardi Family** - April 29, 2024 at 09:29 AM

LF

“ *Love, McManus, Nardoza, O'Neill families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Mattia.*

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**Love, McManus, Nardoza, O'Neill families** - April 29, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Michael Mattia.*



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April 29, 2024 at 09:27 AM

GR

“ *Dr. Mattias was my saving grace for over 30 years. He was a master Physical Therapist who took me through knee replacement surgery and shoulder surgery. He was the best, most compassionate doctor I ever had. He was kind and and a warm generous human being with his care and knowledge. I missed him when he retired and now I will miss him forever. My sincerest condolences to his beautiful wife Regina and to his beautiful family.*

**Gail Resnick** - April 29, 2024 at 12:22 AM

FS

“ *From the 23/24 PTA students. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Mattia.*



**From the 23/24 PTA students.** - April 28, 2024 at 09:00 PM

PF

“ *Rest In Peace. Dr. Mike, you were such a loving and caring person to our family and to others. You always made time for everyone. We will always remember the great times we all had over many years at Pollaces . Our condolences to the entire family. With our deepest sympathy, The Pecorino Family.*

**Pecorino Family** - April 28, 2024 at 06:57 PM

BL

*Yes. Mike was a gem in so many ways we are all blessed to have our memories with him. 🙏❤️*

**Barbara Lombardo** - April 29, 2024 at 07:03 PM

W2

“ With deepest sympathy, PTA Class of 2020 purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Michael Mattia.



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**With deepest sympathy, PTA Class of 2020** - April 28, 2024 at 05:44 PM

F2

“ From PTA Class of 2023 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Mattia.



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**From PTA Class of 2023** - April 28, 2024 at 04:21 PM

FN

“ RIP Michael. I will always remember your welcoming face and unending patience (or patients, depending on the day), it was an honor to work for you all those years ago.  
Regina, may you, your beautiful children and grandchildren always smile when thinking of Michael. My condolences to all of you.

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**Fayge Brand Nissenbaum** - April 28, 2024 at 03:28 PM

ES

“ Edward and Elaine Spivak purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Mattia.



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**Edward and Elaine Spivak** - April 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM

TA

“ Sip my friend you will truly be miss ❤️❤️❤️

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tanya - April 28, 2024 at 12:36 AM

P2

“ PTA Class of 2019 purchased the Ocean Breeze  
Spray for the family of Michael Mattia.



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**PTA Class of 2019** - April 27, 2024 at 08:54 PM