



Richard James Amato

August 16, 1941 - August 4, 2020

Richard James Amato went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 4, 2020. He was surrounded by the love of his son, his two daughters, and two of his granddaughters.

Richard (Richie) Amato is preceded in death by his father Angelo Anthony Amato, his mother Josephine Amato, his brother Joseph Amato, and his beloved wife Christine Amato.

He is survived by his brother David Amato, his son Christian Amato, daughter Nicole Amato, daughter Tina Amato, and five grandchildren, Richard Amato (Rachel), Dustin Amato, Amanda Amato, Brooke Bertinelli (Brandyn) and Lauren Pyle, and 2 great grandchildren, Michael Bertinelli, and Jaxon Bertinelli, and godsons Nicholas D'Annunzio (Tara Solomon) and Nicholas Paglia (Angelica). He also leaves behind many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Richard began his life in Cleveland, Ohio on August 16, 1941. Richard graduated from Parma High School, Class of 1959. He attended classes at Bowling Green State University. Richard worked in the family's produce market with his father as a young man. When his father Angelo traveled to Vegas to attend to his bar business, he flew back home to Cleveland with a man named Nicholas Paglia. That's when fate stepped in. Angelo (Gelo, as he was called) asked Richie to bring over some produce and fruit to Nick Paglia's home. On that day, Gail Paglia ran into her older sister's room, and said, "Chrissy, you have to come out and see this guy!!! He's so cute." Richard and

Christine fell madly in love. He even took Christine (three years younger than he) to her senior prom. Richard proposed to Christine and they were married years later. They had three children, Richard Christian, Nicole Rachele and Tina Marie. He lived with his wife Christine and children in Cleveland until they decided to make the move out to Las Vegas, in 1973.

In Las Vegas, Richard began working in the casino industry at the Stardust and then eventually moved over to the Sands Hotel where he remained an employee for approximately 15 years, providing a beautiful and joyous life for his wife and their three children. He then began his own business and later retired with his wife by his side.

Richie developed deep friendships easily with many friends, even considering his dear friends Joe and Marcia Slyman as family, and they enjoyed many weekends together, vacations together, and shared many Sunday spaghetti dinners together with their families though the years. Richie was loved by so many people. His charisma kept people laughing for hours with his insatiable zest for life.

That zest was somewhat dimmed when he lost his beloved soulmate Christine six years ago.

Richie was known for his deep love for his family and being loved and admired by others. His greatest accomplishment was making people feel loved, and always had words of wisdom for anyone who desired it. His love was felt by his family and friends alike, and by anyone who came in contact with him. He always had a compliment for people, and was a man who genuinely meant all his words.

Richie loved the Lord with all his heart, and prayed for people and their souls every day and night.

Richie spent the last six years of his life having multiple daily phone calls with his brother David, enjoying many laughs, consistently keeping up phone visits with his cousins back in Cleveland, enjoying his grandchildren and great grandchild, loving and encouraging his children, and dreaming of dancing with his wife again one day...

It isn't hard to believe that the Lord may have greeted him with these words,
"Well done, my good and faithful servant." -- Matthew 25:23

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint
Thomas More Catholic Church
130 N. Pecos Rd
Henderson, Nevada 89074
(702) 361-8840

Entombment service for Richard and his beloved wife Christine will be directly
afterwards at 12:00 p.m. at Palm Mortuary
7600 S. Eastern Ave.
Henderson, NV 89123

Tribute Wall



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Nicole Amato - June 07, 2021 at 01:00 AM



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“ *You were the GREATEST MAN!!! As the time grows closer to your passing. I just feel more and more sad. I miss you every single day. I love you daddy.*

Nicole Amato - June 07, 2021 at 01:00 AM

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AD

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy in the passing of your father. He was truly an amazing man and will be greatly missed. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Annette Dublo - August 20, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ *Richard James Amato*

Nicole Amato - August 18, 2020 at 08:06 PM

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Nicole Amato - August 18, 2020 at 08:06 PM

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“ *Some more pictures of daddy*

Nicole Amato - August 18, 2020 at 08:05 PM

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JT

“ *every time I was up on stage singing and Richie came in he always came up and sang goody goody and it made my night I miss him very much he always had a way of making everybody feel good God bless him*

JERRY TIFFE - August 18, 2020 at 06:46 PM

KP

“ *May your soul be at peace and in the arms of our Lord and your beautiful wife. Thank you for sharing your family with me. Amato family, we love you and are praying for you. With Love, the Palmeri family*

Kari Palmeri - August 16, 2020 at 01:16 PM

AA

“ Ritchie ,We cannot believe that you left us so fast. We spoke on the telephone for an hour a week before you got sick. We talked and laughed about the same oldstuff we always talked about. Somehow, it always seemed like we were hearing itfor the first time. Although we are all broken hearted that you left us, we hope it is true that you are now in heaven with the love of your life Christine and all of ourrelatives. I'm sure that Uncle Gelo will show you around and introduce you to all ofour relatives from the past. He'll say, " Ritchie, this is your Gramma Amato's Great grandmothers GREAT,GREAT Grandmother ". I wish it is true. Kiss everybodyFor us Richie . Say hello to " JO PLEASE ". Love you and miss you. Onge.

Angelo Amato - August 15, 2020 at 01:42 PM

JP

“ Wow! Beautiful!

Jim Poniewaz - August 14, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SC

“ Only a man of great integrity and class could have created a daughter with the same integrity.. Nicole you are a chip off the ol block.. Your daddy's beautiful, pure light shines from him, through you, into the World.. I thank you for your beautiful spirit in my life and I thank both your parents for producing such a magnificent human.. I'm so very sorry you have to bear the loss of your rock and paternal rockstar.. He reunites with your beautiful mommy and blissfully celebrates that reunion, all the while looking back to protect his baby girls and loved ones left behind.. Hold close the truth that our Lord has him and all your loved ones cradled in safety as those who are here in earth finish our destiny.. Your day to reunite with your family is predestined, but your life here on earth is still yet to be fully filled! Make your Mommy and daddy proud while you complete your time here on the planet.. Live, love, laugh and leave your mark.. Love you Nic.. Suzi Carlopio

Suzi Carlopio - August 14, 2020 at 01:30 AM

SA

“ Richie I am so glad that you are not suffering anymore. And now you can be with Christine and the rest of the family. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your family. My heart breaks that my grandchildren won't have a chance to meet you (their great grandfather), or Christine. My heart breaks because Amanda won't be able to make it today because of the "no fly zone" at her base in Afghanistan. I love the man that would antagonize me with your video recorder back in the day. I am thankful that you were able to get in touch with and talk to my son Richard when my family and I couldn't .RIP Richie love your first daughter-in-law

Stacey Amato - August 13, 2020 at 06:41 PM

JS

“ Uncle rich was a great guy! He looked out for family first as he saw the rest come n go. Christian , tina and Nicole you were his life and aunt Chris was the reason he lived.I grew up with you guys but watched your dad as I did my own. His movements the way he dressed how he enjoyed life and loved to tell stories. About the old days. I loved his sauce and aunt Chris meatballs. That combo was the best. And watching them work together was true love I loved the Sunday dinners we had with you guys. Uncle rich always had a good story. Here's mine of him...I bought my first house when I was 20. Your dad was there helping me unpack a few things at the end of the night. I was making my bed and setting up my room He told me always make my bed and fluff it this way (down not up) roll down the top sheet so it's like a new bed every night that will take away the days stresses and I would have a lot of them. He knew what the world had coming for me! I still try and make my bed every morning for the night I will always remember uncle rich "unk" as a true uncle. He was a great man. I didn't realize how much I'd miss him. I'm so sorry for all three of you. He loves you all so much. But he's in a better place right now. No more suffering. Hes with your mom up in heaven smoking, having a drink or two telling stories to Jesus. How better does that get. No more suffering! Only love now... until we see him again let his memories live forever with your entire family. Tell the younger generation of all his good, great points. If more men were this way this world would be better!

Joey Slyman - August 13, 2020 at 04:25 PM

VL

“ We will love and miss you always.

Victoria Lockwood - August 13, 2020 at 10:48 AM

JL

“ Richard James Amato

Joannie Amato Lonardo - August 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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VL

“ *The World became a much less interesting place with you gone. I will relish the memories and laughter we shared. My Wife Victoria and I will miss you always. RIP, Dear friend*

Victor Lockwood - August 12, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BP

“ *My dear sweet cuz God took u too soon but now u r forever with thee one true love of your life, Kristine. I will always have great and happy memories of all our fun and crazy family gatherings. Rest In Peace Cuz!*

Bonnie Papson - August 12, 2020 at 11:21 AM

JH

“ *I have so many great memories of Rich. He always made me feel like family.. always welcoming, always making me laugh. He showed me what a loving Dad looked like. There's not many friend's Dads that I could just sit and talk and hang out with, but I definitely could with Rich whether Niki was there or not. I love you so very much Rich aka Dick.. I'll tell Sparky hi for you. You tell Jesus hi for me.*

Jenny Heers-Barger - August 12, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MA

“ *The Alibangbang family sends our deepest condolences to the Amato family. We're so sorry for your loss. We love you guys.*

Michelle and Marla Alibangbang - August 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM

VL

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Victor Lockwood - August 12, 2020 at 09:36 AM

PP

“ Dear Niki, Dear Tina, Dear Christian Losing our parents is a nightmare. A nightmare we can't explain. And one that will always sadly haunt us. I am truly sorry. Reading your fond memories of your dad felt like I personally knew him. You look like your amazing dad. The beautiful female version of him. I pray for blessings and health for you and your wonderful. May God always be with you. I love you my friend ❤️

Petra Pierrot - August 12, 2020 at 01:27 AM

SM

“ I remember coming out there to visit a couple of times and seeing the family was always a highlight of the trip. Richie and Nick always too good care of us when we came out and showed us around. Super generous and super cool. Love and prayers for you on your journey, when we get there maybe you can show us around again...

Sean Mcallorum - August 11, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AS

“ Uncle Richie. This just doesn't seem real to me. I hope you are dancing with the love of your life now in the beautiful paradise, Heaven. You're such an amazing man, and usually I have the words to say, but now I do not. I have so many memories. Thank you for leaving me with 1 last beautiful birthday and memory with you. I love you forever, until we meet again my angel ❤️

Arianna Slyman - August 11, 2020 at 04:29 PM

VP

“*Richie was an amazing father and husband. An amazing man who touched the lives of so many. He was the "Peacemaker" in the family. He loved unconditionally and always made you feel special and loved. I will miss everything about him. His phone calls, his smile, his laughter, his teasing and his hugs and kisses. The only comfort you can find in such a devastating loss is to know he is one again united with his beautiful and loving wife that he so dearly missed. Richie is loved dearly, he will be forever missed but he will NEVER be forgotten. I love you.*

Vicki Paglia - August 11, 2020 at 02:55 PM

DS

“*My deepest condolences. We lost one the kindest people I have ever met. The Amato's were my second home as a kid. Richard was the pillar of the Amato home, the gold standard for the loving, Italian family. It is rare today to witness the level of love and joy that was a constant in their beautiful, traditional family. It was a testament to Richard whose sole commitment and priority was family... and the reason I wished I was born Italian. He was an exceptional husband, Father, and friend. I know he will be dearly missed.*

Daniel Shalev - August 10, 2020 at 10:52 PM

GC

“*I grew up with Richie an Dave in Cleveland I dance with Richie every Saturday on Band Stand we always won for being the best dancers our pictures were on the cover of the T,V, guide Yes he was a great guy, I know he will be missed by many, Praying for his family.*

Grace Chuppa/Vano/Matuska - August 10, 2020 at 01:38 PM

PT

“ *RIP Richie*

Pat Traficant - August 10, 2020 at 11:11 AM

LN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Praying for you in this difficult time.*

Linda Neeley - August 10, 2020 at 12:23 AM

BR

“ *Niki and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May you find joy in the remembrance of a life well lived and find peace in the loss, knowing he is with you still in big and small ways. Sending lots of love and prayers during this time.*

Bethany Rooks - August 09, 2020 at 11:58 PM

SS

“ *Niki and Tina, my heart goes out to you and the rest of the family. May you again find all the love, light, peace, and joy that once filled your hearts. I wish you both well ❤️*

Sioux Sugdrn - August 09, 2020 at 10:56 PM

MJ

“ *The world lost a great man, devoted brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. I am so grateful for all the happy memories I have of times spent with Richie, Chris and their family., holidays, family dinners, Karaoke nites. Richie sang Fly Me to the Moon better than Sinatra!, and he was a natural comedian who was the life of any party. Knowing Richie is dancing with his beloved Chris for eternity brings comfort to my broken heart. You will be forever missed.*

Marianne Janitelli - August 09, 2020 at 08:26 PM

CM

“ All our love and prayers to you all Nicole. What a blessed life you were able to have Richie. So many wonderful memories I am sure you will treasure forever. Rest easy Richie, I know you are surrounded by love ❤️

Cheri McAllorum Marshall - August 09, 2020 at 07:44 PM

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“ I will never not miss you. I know you're happy with mom, but I miss you so much!!!

Nicole Amato - August 09, 2020 at 06:21 PM

KH

“ I met your dad last year at Lauren's graduation. He was so sweet and filled with joy to see his granddaughter graduate. I remember seeing how happy he was. I'm so sorry for your loss. We love you !!

Kristine Heisey - August 09, 2020 at 04:32 PM

EW

“ Niki I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful man and he will always be with you! Sending lots of Love and prayers to you and your family

Elaine Warden - August 09, 2020 at 03:49 PM

JM

“ My cousin was the best there ever was. He was kind and loving, I will miss him terribly, love u Rich may u rest in peace. Love Your cousin Janice.

Janice Miterko - August 09, 2020 at 02:11 PM

JM

“ Joe and I shared so much with Ritchie and Chris. We have been friends for 50 plus years and after moving to Las Vegas we spent holidays and Sunday dinners for years. Our children grew up together and we were so close. So many wonderful memories, especially going to dinner and drinks on Saturday nights. Ritchie was a wonderful, devoted, husband, father, grandfather and friend. We will never forget him and his love and loyalty for us, and all the laughter and fun! We miss you Ritchie!

Joe Marcia - August 09, 2020 at 12:44 PM

JM

“ May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.

Jan Meoli - August 09, 2020 at 12:37 PM

CA

“ Without meeting him, I know what a great person he was.

Christina Anderson - August 09, 2020 at 12:13 PM

LT

“ In loving memory of a wonderful person. We will love you and miss you always.

Linda Tappeto - August 09, 2020 at 09:34 AM

LT

“ I met your dad years ago when I worked with your mom, Christine, at the mortgage company. She would invite me over for dinner where I had the privilege of meeting your family and becoming friends with you. Every time I came over, your mom and dad made me feel as if I were a part of the Amato Gang. I enjoyed watching your parents, the loving banter between them.... anyone could see how in love they were. Years later when I was working at GVR, I would see your dad playing in the poker room. When he would see me walking through he would politely say to the table "I apologize but I must to stop and say hello to this lovely lady", he would stop playing, stand up and give me a big hug. It was always wonderful to see that sweet handsome father of yours. He had a way of making everyone feel special in his presence. My heart goes out to you and your family. I know he is in peace, in heaven with the love of his life, your beautiful mom.

Linda Tappeto - August 09, 2020 at 09:32 AM

BG

“ Great man who raised an amazing family..

Bill Garness - August 09, 2020 at 09:07 AM

SS

“ May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived. Prayers to the Amato Family

Shemia Sutton - August 09, 2020 at 02:46 AM

NA

“ My parents when they were young

Nicole Amato - August 09, 2020 at 01:44 AM

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“ *Daddy*

Nicole Amato - August 09, 2020 at 01:39 AM

RM

“ *May God bless you and your family. I will always remember how much your daughter Niki loves you with everything she has in her heart and soul.*

Rachel Medrano - August 09, 2020 at 12:12 AM

JM

“ *Heaven gained a beautiful angel. Forever in our hearts. ❤️*

Josie Fernandez Madar - August 08, 2020 at 11:19 PM

SD

“ *Nicole and Tina, your family included me in many family dinners- I have fond memories of 'lemon chicken' made by your dad. He and your mom had such a loving, warm home. I am a better person for knowing him while growing up.*

Susan Larsh Dorjath - August 08, 2020 at 11:04 PM

AC

“ *I'll always remember Uncle Richie's sense of humor. But most of all his sincere love. So many great memories growing up and family functions with him singing and dancing. He loved his family so much and especially his kids and grandkids and now he'll be with the love of his life, Aunt Chris. May they both enjoy eternal peace and happiness and to Nicole, Tina and Christian and grandkids, I'm so very sorry for the enormous loss of your dad and poppie.*

Angela Campagna - August 08, 2020 at 09:48 PM

HU

“ Nicole- I did not have the opportunity to meet your father, but hearing you speak of him and knowing how much you loved him , I am certain he was an amazing man. I am so sorry for your loss and am here for you. Sending you and your family lots of love and prayers. Love Holli

Holli Urbanski - August 08, 2020 at 09:20 PM

RF

“ Glad I had the opportunity to spend the time I did with Rich when I lived in Vegas. Rich was a great cousin and I'll cherish the memories of spending time with him

Rich Falzini - August 08, 2020 at 09:09 PM

MN

“ Sending prayers and my deepest condolences. God bless.

Mark Newell - August 08, 2020 at 08:01 PM

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“ Richard James Amato

Mark Newell - August 08, 2020 at 07:50 PM

BA

“ UNCLE RICHIE WAS ONE OF THE MOST CAREING, AND FUNNYIST MAN TO HANG OUT WITH, REST IN PEACE.

BOB AMATO - August 08, 2020 at 07:12 PM

JN

“ Our deepest sympathy to his family

Joe and Becky La Nasa - August 08, 2020 at 06:06 PM

TF

“ I'm sorry I never had the opportunity to meet You. Your daughter is one of the most Beautiful people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. Easy to see She had Amazing Parents. Rest In Peace.

Toni Fargo-Palmer - August 08, 2020 at 10:58 AM

AC

“ Richie was one of the sweetest men I ever had the pleasure of meeting. I met him at Marsha & Joe's house for a Lebanese dinner - & he just lit up the room. Conversation with anyone -came so easy for him, nothing but smiles, & always complimenting. He told me I was "such a beautiful young woman and I was going places" & I remember thinking wow this guy is just the nicest person ever! We also shared stories about the love we have for our pets!! Rest In Peace with your darling wife Richie & my thoughts , prayers and love are with his family left behind. God bless you all ❤️

Alexa Catalfamo - August 08, 2020 at 10:07 AM

SL

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family

Simon Leanos - August 08, 2020 at 10:03 AM

AM

“ I wasn't able to see you in years, but I will never forget the love you shared with me while I was a little girl. Always the sweetest man, and always a smile on your face. You were an amazing father and raised amazing children and grandchildren. I will always keep you and the family in my heart. We love you.

April Minick - August 08, 2020 at 06:55 AM

AA

“ I always remember Richie in the early 70's when he, David, and my dad would kick field goals and I, as a young kid, would delight in catching and retrieving the ball for them in the high school football field behind our backyard. So much fun.

Anthony Amato - August 08, 2020 at 05:25 AM

LH

“ Dear Niki and Amato family. I'm so sorry to hear about your father. Let the good memories help you get through this time.

Leza Heed - August 08, 2020 at 02:08 AM

JL

“ Fly high and be with God. An amazing father, grandfather, family and friend to so many you will be miss and loved forever. I know you will watch over everyone from above while enjoying your family in heaven.

Joan Lewellen - August 08, 2020 at 12:06 AM

SM

“ May God Bless him and his children. We are so sorry for his loss.

Suzy McClain - August 08, 2020 at 12:06 AM

AG

“ I will forever be grateful for meeting Poppie and how he welcomed me into the family with the most love. Anyone that had the blessing to meet him knows how much of a great father and grandfather he was. Say hello to Nonnie and my uncle for me❤️

Annabella Gonzalez - August 07, 2020 at 11:59 PM

RG

“ Rest In Peace! You were such an amazing Father and person. It's now time for you to be with your wife in heaven. God bless you!
Roxanne Green

Roxanne Green - August 07, 2020 at 11:45 PM

ND

“ It was such an honor to know a man like poppie❤️ May he Rest In Peace and may we celebrate him for the amazing person he was!

Nicole Dempsey - August 07, 2020 at 11:17 PM

AT

“ What a beautiful man surrounded by so much love. May the family find peace in knowing the soul mates are reunited again. The love he's instilled in his children is eternal.

Annie Tadmor - August 07, 2020 at 11:05 PM

AS

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. Richard I didn't know you , but you seem to be a light in the darkest days. You have a beautiful family and I am so thankful to have cross path with your daughter! You are missed extremely and loved tremendously. With love,Ashley Schultz

Ashley Schultz - August 07, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DB

“ May our lord watch over the family. help them through thier sorrow and loss.May the lord keep you all safe ,In Jesus name Amen

Dee Dee Brathor - August 07, 2020 at 10:11 PM

JW

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Amato family! Richard Amato was a good man who had a great love and devotion for his family! I met him and his wife Christine when they sought my help to direct them in caring for his aged mother. They were so devoted to her care and to caring for Christine's sister Rosie over the years. Richard has left his family with a legacy to be emulated! He was indeed "a good and faithful servant!" Praying for comfort and peace for all the family!*

Joanne Wyman - August 07, 2020 at 09:54 PM

TG

“ *Rest in Heaven*

Theresa Glassman - August 07, 2020 at 09:26 PM

NA

“ *I Will NEVER NOT MISS YOU!!!!*

Nicole Amato - August 07, 2020 at 09:23 PM