



## Jose Alberto Matta Jr.

May 2, 1977 - November 15, 2021

Jose Alberto Matta Jr. of the Bronx, New York, passed away on Monday, November 15th, 2021 after a 26 month battle with cancer. He leaves behind his parents Ernestine and Jose Matta Sr, his beloved grandmother Esther Rivera, brother Christopher Lee Matta, son Byran A. Matta, fiance Erica Gendler along with her son Jacob, bonus brother Antonio Matta, three cats, Macy, Phoebe and Gracie and large extended family and close friends he considered brothers.

As a former athlete, his career opportunity in football ended with a devastating knee injury, although his professional goals changed to the Finance Industry, Auditing for large banks and insurance companies, sports were always on his mind. He was married to football during the season, but after Super Bowl he focused on his enjoyment of cooking, music, watching movies, enjoying stand up comedy and mixed martial arts competitions on television.

Jose was a "different kind of cat" as he would put it. He kept only a handful of friends, people he felt more like family with. He was highly selective with those he chose to be part of his circle.

Jose spoke about how life could have been. He possibly never would have started a job at the World Trade Center. If he hadn't he may never have gotten the esophageal cancer that took his life.

Jose was a devoted father and (acting) stepfather. He did everything he could to show the boys how to live as men. He painstakingly taught them what it takes to survive. He emphasized independence and hard work. He set a

wonderful example for them.

Jose was a fun loving partner and devoted friend. He was a good listener, often able to remind others of thoughts and memories long forgotten. He enjoyed laughing, cooking and dining, always rating and judging chefs and their cuisines. His famous lasagna was a Christmas highlight that will be carried on as close to his recipe as possible. He was loved, he was brave, he was simply unforgettable and he deserved a much better hand than he was dealt.

Burial will take place on Saturday, November 20th at Dale Cemetery in Ossining, New York.

Donations in his name can be made to Northern Westchester Hospital in thanks for the care he received during his battle.

# Cemetery Details

## Dale Cemetery

104 Havell St.  
Ossining , NY 10562

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home  
90 North Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591  
(914) 631-0621  
[info@dwyerichaels.com](mailto:info@dwyerichaels.com)  
<https://www.dwyerichaelsfh.com>

## Viewing

NOV **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home  
90 North Broadway  
Tarrytown, NY 10591

## Burial

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

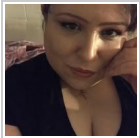
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jose, you were the best father to Bryan and the best uncle to Nathan. Thank you for always, always, always having my back and being there for me esp. as a teenager. You will forever be missed and I'll forever make sure the boys keep making you proud. Sleep in heavenly peace. Until we meet again💔

Kristina - November 20, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ Jose was a wonderful father, he would do anything for his son. Nothing was more important to him.

*I will never forget him and will always love him. Any moment he'll get his wings as our son's guardian angel because.*

Erica Ruiz - November 20, 2021 at 09:00 AM

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“ Adam Bonilla & the Bonilla Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jose Alberto Matta Jr..



Adam Bonilla & the Bonilla Family - November 19, 2021 at 09:36 AM

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“ Jose always told me his life really started when I became his partner. He was never given love before. He was only ever used and abused by those he cared about. He didn't know what true love was until I taught him.

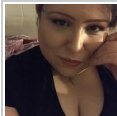
*I am thankful to have had that opportunity, even just for the handful of years we shared. He spoke about how he fell in love with me the moment he laid eyes on me at age 16. Back then, I didn't see it. I will always wonder what life would have been if I had. It must have worked this way for a reason, I can think of 2 reasons quickly...Bryan and Jacob.*

*Jose and I spoke about how life would have been so different if we did get together all those years ago. He possibly never would have started a job at the world trade center. If he hadn't, he may never have gotten cancer. He may have still been here and we may have celebrated our 50 year anniversary.*

*How or why, no one can say...*

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**Erica G** - November 17, 2021 at 10:17 PM



*FYI he always had love and his life began the moment he became a father 11/18/1996 to his only son. He may be gone but never forget or unloved. RIP Jose.*

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**Erica Ruiz** - November 19, 2021 at 09:59 PM