



MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA

June 9, 1964 - May 11, 2022

Matthew L. Cacossa, 57, of Solvay, passed away unexpectedly from complications of COVID and other prior health issues on May 11, 2022. Matt was a 1982 graduate of Solvay High School, and was listed in the book of "Who's Who Among American High School Students". He started working at Solvay Public Library while he was in high school, and worked there for over 20 years. Also while in high school he worked at Cavages Records as a sales clerk, and advanced to manager of the ShoppingTown Mall location in Dewitt. He continued working at those two jobs while attending Le Moyne College, where he graduated with two degrees, Psychology and Business Administration, in 1986. Upon graduation he worked for Bryant & Stratton, assisting high school students with college applications, grants, and financial aid. He worked for a short time with Comtech, and then Fay's Drug Corporation Central Office, in the bookkeeping department. Thereafter he was hired by Niagara Mohawk (later National Grid) in 1989, working for over 30 years, beginning in the mailroom, moving into accounts payable, multiple temp jobs, customer service and then service dispatch department, where he retired from in 2020. Introduced to music at an early age by his sister, he was not just a collector of records but a voracious consumer of all styles of music (although anyone who knew him knows his favorite band was the Beatles). He attended countless concerts, locally and out of town, all with friends and family, and all were memorable to him. Matthew was devoted to his family. He spent hours with his nephews, John and Paul, sharing his love of music with

them, since they were very young. He would take them to various records stores and later many concerts. He spread that love of music to his great nephews and niece. Matt was predeceased by his mother, Marie Estelle (Veri) Cacossa.

He is survived by his sister, Audrey (Jack) Kelly, of Solvay, nephews, John (Jennifer) Kelly, of South Carolina, and Paul Kelly, of Solvay, great nephews, Collin, Brandon, and Evan, great niece Nora, many cousins, and too many friends to count.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 PM Thursday, May 19th at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave, Solvay. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00 AM Friday, May 20th at Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Dr, Syracuse. Entombment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warners. In order to honor his life, Matthew's sister requests all in attendance wear their favorite band/music/concert t-shirt to calling hours and services. Please no flowers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Joseph's House for Women, Inc., 802 Court Street, Syracuse, NY 13208. Please share online memories and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

GREENLAWN MEMORIAL PARK - MAUSOLEUM

2932 Warners Rd.
Warners, NY 13164

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME
2601 Milton Avenue
Solvay, NY 13209
info@bagozzitwinsfh.com
<http://www.bagozzitwins.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church
127 Chapel Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13219
(315) 488-3139

Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - May 18, 2022 at 01:30 PM

LO

Sincere sympathy to all his family and friends. He left too soon and will certainly be missed 💔

Lena-Rose Orlando - May 18, 2022 at 07:31 PM



What a beautiful tribute, "a life well lived..." Tho gone too soon, he made the most of the years he was on this earth...and now he's with Mom. Love you Matthew, I will never forget you....Patti A T BN T

Patti Tuori - May 18, 2022 at 10:23 PM

GM

I had the honor to make a birthday cakev beatles theme for matt he was so suprized when he got it rest in peace matt I hope you are hanging with your family and the beatles now

Gail Pirro McFarland - May 18, 2022 at 10:33 PM



“ **MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA**

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM

JW

“ I am so saddened to hear of his passing. I always looked forward to seeing him every year. He had a personality to remember. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Jill Wooding - January 03, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ I had known Matt since my early days in NGrid (Niagara Mohawk back then) and our shared love of music brought us together as friends. We sat near each other at Dey brothers building and then at Syracuse. We would always chat about music. He was the first person to make me feel that Grid was more of a family than just a workspace.

7 years ago he called me begging me to come to Dispatch. I bid on the job because of him and it was the best change for me in the company. I worked with him on the overnights as much as possible. In the mornings we would go to breakfast or shopping at Target with JR. It was good to have such a good friend at work. We watched a lot of tv when we could including Bewitched and Mary Hartman Mary Hartman and OH SO MANY OTHERS.

We would talk about music and what concerts we've been too and how the groups were connected and the possibilities of who Carly Simon was talking about in "You're so vain."

That kind of became a song for us, I often would wake up to a text from Matt that said "You walked into the party..." and we would text the song back and forth because it was funny. If you get Matt, you got that.

I miss you already Matt. So many more things I wanted to share with you.

Joe Montreal

Joe Montreal - May 19, 2022 at 07:46 PM

KJ

“ Audrey and family, So sorry to hear about this! He was such a gentle soul and I will never forget our talks when I was your moms nurse after many years of knowing y'all. Many prayers for your family as you navigate this time. Love to you all.

Kathy Janssen. (formerly Kathy Davis, Linda and George's daughter. REE and Johns Niece)

Kathy Janssen - May 19, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - May 18, 2022 at 01:28 PM

CG

“ Cathy Goldthwait lit a candle in memory of
MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA



Cathy Goldthwait - May 18, 2022 at 11:12 AM

RE

“ I will miss you coming in to Best Buy and talking about music you will be missed you are up rocking the Heavens with music 🎵🎵🎵🎵

Rorie Elkaisy - May 17, 2022 at 05:38 PM

JW

“ I will miss our overnight chats in Dispatch. He was one of the most special people I have known. I will forever miss my “pumpkin head”

Jeanne Waldron - May 17, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA.



May 17, 2022 at 02:44 PM

MB

“ Audrey-so sorry to hear about Matt's passing. He was one of the sweetest guys I ever knew. I remember when he started working for Niagara Mohawk, I gave him a tour of our building and had lunch together a few times. He was nervous about his new job and was very appreciative that he found a familiar face to show him around. My prayers are with you!

Mark Bianco

Mark Bianco - May 17, 2022 at 12:10 PM

DR

“ Audrey and family: I met Matt over 20 years ago at Ngrid. We worked in the call center for years. Matt was the “mayor” of our customer service center. We met up at the State Fair many times over the years to enjoy concerts. Matt you as a loyal and loving friend. He had nicknames for everyone. I adored him. May God bless you all in your time of grief.

Denise Ransiear - May 17, 2022 at 10:47 AM

DS

“ Hoping Matt finds all the greats that are in Rock n Roll Heaven's band!

To Matt's family: When I learned of Matt's death, I immediately channeled my dad, a music lover himself, and asked him to be sure to find Matt. Look for the spirit creatures (cardinals, butterflies an dragonflies) and he will always be near. We all gained a guardian angel!

Diane Sorbello - May 17, 2022 at 10:19 AM

CM

“ Sending my condolences to the family of a special person with the Grid family. RIP my friend and keep playing that sweet music!

Cindy Mcardell - May 17, 2022 at 10:03 AM

YO

“ Your Forever Friend, John Olivieri. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA.



Your Forever Friend, John Olivieri. - May 17, 2022 at 09:24 AM

JT

“ *The Capital Region Natgrid service reps send our condolences to Matt’s family. He leaves behind many fond conversations and memories for sure.*

We affectionately knew him as “ Midnight Matt” working every night while most people sleep.

He was your friend first and coworker second.

Conversations with him be it 11:30pm, 3:30am or 6:00am will be missed. Music was his passion for sure as we discussed and compared our concert/music experiences down thru the years.

Matt was “ Old School” in every sense of the word.

Kind, Courteous, Knowledgeable, Cool and a downright Great Human Being. We thank you for Always looking out for and Having our backs on the graveyard shift “Midnight Matt” 🙏

J Tommell

john tommell - May 17, 2022 at 06:32 AM

DH

“ I have so many fond memories of Matt that it is hard to know where to start. Although my husband Tim never knew Matt in person, he came to know him through my stories of him as well as his album anniversary postings. It was Tim’s suggestion that I honor Matt in this manner:

ALBUM ANNIVERSARY: Released 20,795 days ago today.

Matt Cacossa, the second child of Marie Estelle was released on June 9, 1965.

In the early years, Matt could be found with his jovial attitude and his crisp witticisms in the Dolphy lounge at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. It was here that he garnered the attention of Dianne Hulsmann. It would be a couple of years before this encounter came to fruition. In 1985, Matt caught the eye of Robert Robbins of Cavages Records and Tapes at Shoppingtown Mall. It wasn’t long after this connection was made that Matt collaborated with Dianne on many trips to Jack Wolack’s Rare Necessities, Desert Shore Records, and Olivers. Matt’s demanding tour schedule took him on countless trips to the “House of Guitars” in Rochester, NY, where Matt was happy to relieve them of as much vinyl as humanly possible. Not to be outdone, Matt attended every record convention from Utica to Syracuse and Rochester. As Matt’s popularity continued to grow, he would grace his fans with some tidbit of knowledge or piece of trivia about their favorite bands. During his climb to the top, Matt brought down the house on Sgt. Pepper’s Day at Cavages, and he demonstrated his multi talents with his I-81 Halloween costume. Although he sometimes mistook Dianne for Rand McNally, they could often be found sharing a gourmet meal together in the wilds of Chittenango while listening to David effing Essex. Although Matt almost certainly lost some hearing at that Cheap Trick concert in Utica, NY, he was certain that Bob Dylan did not utter one single intelligible word at the concert at the NYS fairgrounds. Matt helped Dianne to find many of her vinyl treasures including “Rock and Rule” which featured both Debbie Harry and Cheap Trick. There were many hours of musing over “That Will Be the Day,” and “Stardust”. It is uncertain if Matt is enjoying a “cofa-

cuppy” or a “marnagrita”, but he is most certainly contemplating some “Blue Suede Ludes.” Although Matt is no longer gracing our stage, there is no question that he is giving Rock and Roll Heaven one hell of a show.

We love you, Matt.

Blessed Be

Dianne Hulsmann and Tim Whitlock

Roanoke, Virginia

Dianne Hulsmann - May 17, 2022 at 04:29 AM

JY

“ *I think Matt was the kindest person in Solvay’s Class of 82. Matt was also very smart and could have been the Valedictorian, but let Elio and Janice fight for the glory they loved. He lit up rooms with his big smile and boundless energy. Matt could always be counted on to direct any project that he happened upon. Matt brought joy to everyone who crossed his path. A great loss.*

Jeff Yeomans - May 17, 2022 at 04:21 AM

CH

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Matt's family and friends. Matt and I both love watching Meliss and Teddy's "Songs from the Attic" radio show on Facebook Live. We began chatting on messenger and immediately connected. Such a positive guy with a heart of gold. I was looking forward to taking a ride in the fall to finally meet him in person. I could feel his positivity and genuine warmth in every message received. Matt, may you rest in peace.*

Christine Hanneken - May 16, 2022 at 10:56 PM

JC

“ My condolences go out to the family of Matt Cacossa. I've never met him. But have spoken to him on Facebook Messenger. Your podcast with Melissa was and is the best. I will miss you my friend.



Justin Cantor - May 16, 2022 at 10:23 PM

LT

“ Lloyd & Monica Todeschini lit a candle in memory of MATTHEW "MATT" L. CACOSSA



Lloyd & Monica Todeschini - May 16, 2022 at 06:22 PM

LG

“ Dear Audrey and family, we are so sorry for the loss of Matt, just the best friend anyone could have. Meeting Matt at St Camillus when he was visiting Marie Estelle was a God to us. Every night when he came to visit he would sit with and we would test each other's knowledge of music. I could never trip him up. Also to find out you family lived next door to my Aunt and Uncle, just was great to hear much Matt about my family. Such a small world and Matt was Gods gift to all of us who got to know him and become great friends. Matt keep the records spinning in heaven and enjoy some great concerts up there, from some of our favorites that passed before. Rest In Peace our very special friend. Love you, Lorraine and Mark Ganley

Lorraine and Mark Ganley - May 16, 2022 at 05:51 PM

RR

“ To our dearest friend Matt,
We always imagined a record store in heaven that carries every record that was ever released and nothing ever goes out of print and has all RSD releases in quantity. We know when we meet up again that's where we'll find you, thumbing through stacks of vinyl, talking music with everyone, hanging out with John and George and discussing the POP 60's with Lesley Gore. Hope you're enjoying some great concerts in Rock'n'Roll heaven. Remember to save seats for us, next to you, like you used to do at the State Fair.
Miss you.
Love,
Robert & Rosie

ROBERT & ROSEANN ROBBINS - May 16, 2022 at 05:08 PM

JB

“ To Matt, one of the best friends I have ever had or ever will. We have had so many good times together and all of our many new release music trips. What we had to go through to get some of those new releases, like the blizzard we drove through to get the Justin Timberlake cd. I will never forget! Plus we shared so many laughs together! You are one of a kind! No one can take your place. Don't worry I will continue to watch koo koo Days for you. I will miss you and love you forever! Your friend, Joe Benware

Joe Benware - May 16, 2022 at 03:47 PM



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May 16, 2022 at 02:42 PM

MM

“ i was lucky to have known and worked with matto. attended dozens of concerts with him at the infield track at state fair....bandanna's MANDITORY Maloney! he would say.
i know he's in heaven chatting with john lennon and arguing on who really broke up the BEATLES...i know that band meant alot to him. Matt was the first person to reach out to me when edward van halen passed away.....matt knew what he meant to me and that sums up matt pretty good.....he cared for others. i still use matto-ism's all the time,,,but the one thats my favorite is "KUSH-KA-POYA!!!"
GODSPEED MATTO !!!!

MICHAEL MALONEY - May 16, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ I've known you most of your life...I felt like you were my little brother too...and your sister would move heaven and earth to help and protect you.... There is such a void, and its so hard not to even be able to say good bye. God bless you Matthew, I'll miss you so much. Patti Armani Tuori bad name Tuori

Patti Tuori - May 16, 2022 at 12:16 PM

KZ

Audrey, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Coyle Zuranski

Karen Zuranski - May 16, 2022 at 01:57 PM

SL

Even though we had not seen each other since I retired in 2009 , except for a run in at a doctors office, we continued to keep in touch with our annual exchange of birthday & Christmas cards. You will be missed for your sense of humor and your kindness. You were one of a kind that cannot be replaced. My condolences to your entire family. May your memory be a blessing!

Sue LaVine - May 16, 2022 at 04:33 PM

RN

Oh Matt, I'm so heart broken that you've taken leave here on Earth and gone to that great concert in the sky! When I came to Solvay High as a Junior, with only two years left to go in high school, you were one of the first students to welcome me into the fold of the non-jock, nerdy, bookish kids. We shared a love of popular (and in many cases-unpopular), music. Until recently, I had no idea how much more you knew about so many aspects of the music world than I did. Your passion was/is mind blowing! You were one of the most unique people I've ever known- unapologetic, unwavering and intrepid in You being You.

I was so happy that a few years back, despite the circumstances of your fragile health, I was able to be a little more involved in your life, helping where I could, advising and caring for you. I've been telling everyone that despite your fragile state of health, I felt like you'd be here forever, letting us know about album anniversaries at the stroke of midnight on Facebook, sharing a meal and talking about how we've navigated the circuitous path that life has presented of us. It makes me sad that the next time I see a special edition issue of some magazine with a Beatles oriented cover, I'm going to want to take a photo on my phone, text it to you and let you know that I'm buying it for you in the event that you don't have it yet, but I'll have to stop myself because you're gone. As sad as I am that you're no longer here, I'm uplifted with joy that you were in my life, welcoming me into yours! Stay "Savage" my friend, (because you could grow a beard in a minute)!

Robert Newman - May 16, 2022 at 04:38 PM

BG

Matto, my friend since kindergarten to this day. I am so sad and sorry I did not get to say goodbye. Your kind heart and soul will be missed by many. I will miss your annual birthday wish of me being older than you for 5 days! Take care my friend. I loved our friendship more than you know.

Brian George - May 16, 2022 at 08:59 PM



To Matt's family and friends... how often does a person with such endearing qualities come into your life? Not often enough- Matt is one of those people who you just feel honored to call your friend! Jeff worked with Matt at Cavages in Shoppingtown while I worked at the Fairmount store. I got to know Matt through Jeff and Rob at our Cavages "get-togethers" and he left quite the impression on me! We visited with him a number of times and our conversations on music were endless! Matt- we love you and we were hoping for some more delightful conversations with you. You weren't supposed to go yet! We aren't done with you!! Enjoy the music of the angels as I'm sure they will fulfill your musical expectations -you'll have to fill us in one day!! Love and miss you- Jeff and Diana Parlin💕🎵💕

Diana Parlin - May 17, 2022 at 03:46 PM