



## Andrew "Drew" Mateo

August 13, 1988 - December 26, 2013

Andrew "Drew" Mateo, age 25, went home to the Lord when his life was lost unexpectedly on Thursday, December 26, 2013.

Born in Utica on August 13, 1988, Andrew was the son of Noel and Johanne (Ortiz) Mateo. He attended local schools and in the face of his struggles he honestly and diligently worked hard to overcome life's challenges..

Drew was an industrious worker, motivated by his desire to provide for the support of his children. Drew was his mother's heart and she loved his honest, up-front, yet humble and respectful ways. His family was everything to him, and he visited his grandmother, who he affectionately called 'Mama', every morning. His family admired his considerate demeanor, always wanting to please. He loved the tender care they gave him. His loved ones are always thankful for the all wonderful times, and the meaningful things they did together.

Drew always wanted to help others... unconditionally. His brother Joel was his best friend and they shared regular rituals like the morning cup of coffee that was the bond that began the day. He also held a close connection to his twin sister, and when Drew hurt, she knew it! Naturally, his children were the greatest joy of his short life, and his heart was complete with them. He looked forward to Christmas celebrations with family and friends, and he particularly cherished this Christmas, not knowing that, tragically, it would be the last full day of his life on this earth. Drew will never be forgotten. With a grand passion for music, he recorded and wrote lyrics. He also followed the spectator sports

of professional boxing and basketball, and he frequently enjoyed fresh-water fishing with his brother, Joel.

Andrew is survived by his mother, Johanne Mateo; his father, Noel Mateo; maternal grandmother, Aida Centolella; his son, Andrew, Jr., age 7; his daughter, Jaritzalee, age 4; the mother of his children, Priscilla Feliciano; his sisters, Natashia Mateo, and his twin Andreana Mateo; his brother, Joel Mateo and his family; Marisol and ChiChi who he loved as sisters; his girlfriend and soul mate, Jessica Sullivan, who was a great salvation to Drew. Their relationship was rooted in love and was blossoming with Jessica's mother, Ann Sullivan, and her family. He also leaves his paternal grandfather, Domingo Mateo; his great aunts, great uncles; aunts and uncles, Hilda and George Mateo, Ray and Debbie Ortiz, Jeff and Rose Ortiz, Suzanne Ortiz, Jason and Geraldine Ortiz, Maria Reyes, Evelyn Mateo, Jose and Candida Mateo, Jaime and Virginia Mateo, Ismaire Mateo, Norma Mateo, Rosalie Mateo, Jose and Maribel Mateo, Mickey and Laurie Colon, and Danny and Hilda Santiago; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Drew was blessed with friends from all walks of life, all ethnic groups, and all ages. He was loved by so many. Drew's family felt that the many people who have paid homage to his life was an incredible honor, and they wish to thank all those who paid their respects during this difficult time.

The family is most grateful to the UPD, especially Mike Curley, the physicians and staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, as well as the assistance of Lisa Rocci during his untimely passing. All of these professionals displayed much compassion and professional assistance.

Visitation will be held Monday from 1:00-4:00 at the Redeemer Church, 931 Herkimer Rd, Utica. By family request, please omit floral offerings.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donations to the family allowing them to establish a scholarship fund for his children; envelopes will be available at the service or through the funeral home. Drew's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday afternoon at 4:00 at the church immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Pastor Mike Servello, Jr.

officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Redeemer Church  
931 Herkimer Road  
Utica, NY

## Service

DEC 30. 4:00 PM (ET)

Redeemer Church  
931 Herkimer Road  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ Andrew proud music artist who joined MUSICCLUE entertainment HE EXPRESS His love for music and joy for children thru his struggles .MAY HIS FAMILY ENJOY THE MEMORIES HE LEFT BEHIND

Melvin Spencer - January 03, 2014 at 09:37 AM



You can hear his song on reverbnation it is called andre mateo

Melvin Spencer - January 03, 2014 at 09:40 AM



On the MUSICCLUE station

Melvin Spencer - January 03, 2014 at 09:41 AM

PM

“ Johanne & The Ortiz Family, Our condolences to you and your family. Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. Philomena & Vinny

Philomena Marrotta - December 30, 2013 at 11:49 AM

MT

“ Macho Torres lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo



Macho Torres - December 30, 2013 at 08:58 AM

MA

“ Andrew has always played a big part in our family his memory will always be cherished and respected ! We love you lil brother/Nephew ! The Anderson /Newman Family !!!!! Love Always ,Aunt Jessie .

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**Ms .Jessie Anderson** - December 30, 2013 at 07:19 AM

CO

“ Ill miss you drew . Even tho I would see you here and there an only for a couple minits they would always be a blast . And I will always remember those little moments forever. You was a sweet heart and very caring when it came to your fam ill miss you drew and you'll always be in my?? And prayers ????

R.I.P ANDREWW ??????

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**corassylee** - December 29, 2013 at 08:59 PM

SJ

“ When someone we love dies, it leaves a hole in our hearts. This sorrow was felt by Jesus, Mary and Martha when Lazarus their brother died. Jesus said to Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life, the one who exercises faith in me even though he dies, will come to life. Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” Then he proceeded to resurrect Lazarus and he promises to resurrect all those in the memorial tombs. Please read John 5:28, 29 in your Bible and may this hope bring your family comfort.

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**Sharon Johnson** - December 29, 2013 at 07:25 PM

KD

“ *Kim DeSimone lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo*



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**Kim DeSimone** - December 29, 2013 at 07:13 PM

LD

“ *Love, Kim and Mike, Frankie and Bianca DeSimone purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Andrew "Drew" Mateo.*



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**Love, Kim and Mike, Frankie and Bianca DeSimone** -  
December 29, 2013 at 07:03 PM



“ *R.I.P ANDREW U WERE LOVED THEN AND U ARE LOVED NOW AND U WILL FOREVERMORE BE LOVED AND MISSED....MY CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS....GOD BLESS!.....(DEBORAH MANN WASHINGTON)*

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**Deborah Mann Washington** - December 29, 2013 at 11:56 AM

VD

“ *i just seen you Christmas Eve & as always you had that big smile on your face!! I'll always remember it! You were loved by many and will always live in our hearts! My Condolences to the Mateo family, you guys are in my thoughts & prayers!*

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**Vanessa Diaz** - December 29, 2013 at 11:35 AM

CA

*"Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow." Carmen and Nina DeJesus*

**Carmen** - December 30, 2013 at 05:43 AM

AC

*My condolences to the Mateo Family. Prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Find your strength in the scripture which states, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1. Pastor Angela Carter and Family.*

**Angela Carter** - December 30, 2013 at 07:26 AM

NL

*“ my sypmpathys to the mom must b devastating on the holidays and to the family as well may u rest in peace Andrew*



**nelida lopez** - December 29, 2013 at 11:14 AM

CA

*“ Crystal Angell lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo*



**Crystal Angell** - December 29, 2013 at 10:10 AM

JR

“ *Judy Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo*



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**Judy Rodriguez** - December 29, 2013 at 09:51 AM

RB

“ *RIP Andrew your smile will always be remember, My mom and I are sending our condolence to the family. May the lord give you the strength you need to deal in this difficult times ahead. Andrew will live in our hearts for ever. He touch many hearts and will live inside us for ever.*



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**Robert Ramos & Maria Bonilla** - December 29, 2013 at 09:37 AM

ED

“ *Elida Dapre lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo*



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**Elida Dapre** - December 29, 2013 at 09:15 AM

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*R.I.P. Andrew Mateo*

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**Elida Dapre** - December 29, 2013 at 09:16 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. We don't know your family but hearing of the news was horrible. God bless your family through this rough time



Santos Family - December 29, 2013 at 08:51 AM

JE

“ R.I.P you were a good dude drew! Gone but not forgotten. My prayers are with the family so sorry for your loss

Jessica - December 29, 2013 at 04:55 AM



“ Lil bro im sendin my love to u up above n plz wrap ur wings around ur family mostly joel & nana r.i.p drew love ya

Veronica Colon - December 29, 2013 at 02:20 AM

YF

“ " Andrew R.I.P. My Condolences to the family my thoughts & prayers are with you god bless. Que dios cuide de ti Andrew..."

Yvette Flores



Yvette Flores - December 29, 2013 at 01:20 AM

JE

“ Andrew Mateo "You are in our Thoughts & Prayers R.I.P



jennifer - December 29, 2013 at 12:59 AM

JE

*i may not know you but our prayers go out to the family*

jennifer - December 29, 2013 at 01:01 AM

MF

“ Andrew Mateo "You are in our Thoughts & Prayers R.I.P



Myra & family - December 28, 2013 at 11:08 PM

FC

“ Frances Collazo lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo



Frances Collazo - December 28, 2013 at 10:08 PM

FC

*My prayers to the entire family he will be remember and love always R.I.P*

Frances Collazo - December 28, 2013 at 10:10 PM



“ *Rip andrew! My condolences go out to the family ?*

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**Connie Mcrorie** - December 28, 2013 at 10:07 PM



“ *Valerie Goico (colon) lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo*



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**valerie goico (colon)** - December 28, 2013 at 09:58 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go to the entire family and friends close to Andrew. God bless you all.*

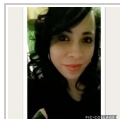
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**Lydia Carretero** - December 28, 2013 at 09:52 PM



“ *Melissa Durant lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo*



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**Melissa Durant** - December 28, 2013 at 09:39 PM



*RIP Andrew Mateo :(*

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**Melissa Durant** - December 28, 2013 at 09:41 PM



“ Andrew my lil brother I will always remeber ur smile. Im gonna miss u dearly I love u always ur sis chichi

**Chichi Colon** - December 28, 2013 at 09:26 PM

CP

“ Andrew your smile could light up a room and though you are gone you will never be forgotten.

**Christina Perez** - December 28, 2013 at 09:06 PM

CP

“ Andrew your smile could light up a room and though you are gone you will never be forgotten.

**Christina Perez** - December 28, 2013 at 09:06 PM

DB

“ Donald Bailey lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo



**Donald Bailey** - December 28, 2013 at 09:00 PM

RR

“ ROBERT RAMOS lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo



**ROBERT RAMOS** - December 28, 2013 at 08:45 PM



“ Words can never take the pain away after losing a loved one but I can not express my sorrow enough to the Mateo family. Andrew brought smiles and laughter to so many people. To know drew is to love him. He was always making some one laugh . He will be so dearly missed and know drew is looking over his wonderful loving family. I will always remember the crazy funny things drew did.I am deeply sorry may God bless the Mateo family and give them the strength they need during this difficult time

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**valerie goico (colon)** - December 28, 2013 at 08:13 PM



“ Donovan Howard lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo



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**Donovan Howard** - December 28, 2013 at 07:51 PM



“ Kara Washington lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Drew" Mateo



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**kara washington** - December 28, 2013 at 06:14 PM