



Richard J. Berardino

August 5, 1978 - August 31, 2022

Richard Joesph Berardino (R.J.) passed away suddenly on August 31st, 2022.

Richard was born on August 5th, 1978 to Richard and Gloria Berardino. He was raised in Keansburg before moving to Holmdel, and Graduated from Holmdel High School. Richard went on to become an accomplished artist, graduating from NY School of Visual Art.

He resided in NY where he became a well respected member if the NY Art Community.

Richard loved music, both listening to and playing. He loved to create new playlists and share them with his sisters. He also loved painting and was an accomplished artist with so many beautiful works of art.

Richard was a beautiful talented person who left this world much too soon.

Richard was predeceased by his father Richard in 1985, his paternal grandparents, Albert and Virginia Berardino, his maternal grandparents, Gertrude and Melvin Card and Harry Woodward.

Richard is survived by his mother and stepfather Gloria and Rocco Tortorella,

his sisters and brothers in law Annette and Larry Lozito, Lisa Berardino and Billy Hrevnak, his nephews and their wives, Larry Lozito and Caitlin Migliaccio and Nicholas and Christina Lozito, two step brothers and their wives, Anthony and Maria Tortorella, and Christopher and Stacy Tortorella, two step nieces, Courtney Carter and her husband Ricky and Hailey Tortorella, one step nephew Nicholas Tortorella

Richard was a beloved son, brother and uncle to his family and friend to many. He will be loved and missed forever.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made in Richard's name to one of these charities:

Samaritan's NYC (suicide prevention and care)
<https://samaritansnyc.org/make-a-donation/>

988 The suicide and crisis Lifeline
<https://988lifeline.org/donate/>

Safe Horizons(unhoused adults and youth)
<https://www.safehorizon.org/giving/>

Ali Forney Center (unhoused youth and LGBTQ+services) ((Bea Arthur's favorite charity group))
<https://www.aliforneycenter.org/donate>

Previous Events

Private Services

SEP 2 (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Avenue
West Keansburg
Hazlet, NJ 07734
laurelfh@verizon.net

Tribute Wall



“ I dated RJ briefly in early 2022 and while it was short, we had a wonderful time getting to know each other before parting amicably. He was generous and kind, having gifted me some of his artwork for my home and many books he thought I'd like. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person and all who knew him were lucky.

Ava Cates - June 02, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Mary E Reilly - April 08, 2024 at 02:53 PM



Liz
Alex

“ *Richard and I did not know each other very well, but I’ve spoken to him a few times and have had some very interesting conversations. It is with a very very heavy heart that i discovered this, as I was hoping to see Richard’s artwork and to check in with him.*

From what I recall, Richard was a gentle, intelligent and insightful person. His work had a very otherworldly quality, a soul that is not easily captured in art, like a glimmer from an incorporeal plane. Wherever you may be Richard, from my brief moments with you in conversation- you have a wonderful heart, and a deeply beautiful talent. Sometime we will meet again some day and re-connect, and have yet another insightful conversation over coffee. We were meant to meet again, and we will again soon. Sweetest of peace to you.

Liz Alex - January 13, 2024 at 09:42 PM



DL

“ *My deepest sympathies to Richard’s family. I never had the pleasure of meeting him, although we had an extensive correspondence on Facebook. I wanted to buy one of his paintings, but he insisted on giving it to me. He was an enormously gifted painter and rather too humble about it. His work deserves to be much better known. It is truly extraordinary, as, I imagine, was the person.*

David Leisner - September 30, 2022 at 08:04 AM

DY

“ I am so grateful to have known Richard and so saddened by this loss. We met at a time in my life when I needed someone with his kindness, humor, and honesty. He had a gentleness that I found comforting and disarming and that allowed me to be my true self around him. When I picture Richard he is always smiling, and always trying to make others smile. I was continually impressed with him as an artist and it truly was a joy to watch the progression of his work over the years; he has been an inspiration for me to keep following my voice in my own work. My heartfelt condolences go out to all of his friends and family.

David Yarnall - September 08, 2022 at 05:45 AM

SC

“ Richard was a dedicated professional whether at work in the gallery or as an artist. He was always a dependable colleague. Richard was there when we needed him, ready to roll up his sleeves and help in any way, and I knew it would always get done. We had a lot of adventures and somehow we were able to laugh at some of the situations we found ourselves in - late nights, power outages, hurricanes, getting covered in dust... I'm going to miss his humor and friendship. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Sean Cleary - September 07, 2022 at 05:05 PM

DF

“ While I did not know Richard well, I always enjoyed my interactions with him at work. He was uncommonly present, sensitive, supportive, and kind, more than he needed to be. I was very sad to hear the news and extend my deepest sympathy to those who loved him.

Dia Felix - September 06, 2022 at 11:30 PM

PK

“ There are no words, such a loss. I hope this tribute wall is comforting to his nearest and dearest; it is for me and thanks all for sharing. My heartfelt condolences. As a colleague Richard was the consummate professional, albeit one with the warmest and most gentle grace. Every interaction was thoughtful, considerate, supportive, kind, and helpful. He played a massive role in getting the art on the walls, and leaves a huge hole in his working family. I will miss seeing him in the Phillips gallery.

Philae Knight - September 06, 2022 at 06:03 PM

BP

“ I am sorry for your loss, I had thoughtful conversations w Richard at Mdavid@co gallery on a number of occasions and remember him as a positive presence in the Bushwick Brooklyn art environment.

Benjamin Pritchard - September 06, 2022 at 05:19 PM

JE

“ Always a smile, always modest, solid advise, no task too big and you can always count on him. It was simply an honor and a privilege to have worked with Richard. My heartfelt condolences to his family and his friends. Richard, truly a great guy, will be sincerely missed by all of us. He was a gentle giant because he could move mountains.

Jean-Paul Engelen - September 06, 2022 at 04:38 PM

CW

“ I only really got to know Richard in the last few months. But we had many talks and I feel that I've known him all my life. He was a great help to me at Authentic and I enjoyed working with him every day. He was dedicated, smart, clever and a very hard worker. he will be missed for a very long time. His passing has left a hole in my heart.

Cate Wylie - September 06, 2022 at 01:52 PM

JD

“ *Richard was an extremely intelligent, creative and talented individual who valued friendship, always offering positivity both in and outside the workplace. I'll forever be grateful for the support and kindness he gave me when I was at a low point in my life. His memory will live on in his painting and in the people who knew/loved him.*

Jake DeMartini - September 05, 2022 at 07:03 PM

 Pablo Serrano

“ *3 files added to the album Philz cafe*



Pablo Serrano - September 05, 2022 at 05:58 PM

MR



Meaghan Roddy - September 05, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ *Richard and I worked together. He was a kind and gentle person, always giving me a wave or a nod. He was thoughtful and took such care to make sure everyone's installs went well. We didn't know each other well, but I always enjoyed chatting with him or sharing a story. My condolences to his family and friends — Richard was lovely.*

Elizabeth Van Bergen - September 05, 2022 at 03:47 PM

TM

“ I worked with Richard at Phillips. I even helped him move one time. I remember one time he forgot Miko and I were working up stairs and missed pizza dinner so he gave me his card to go wherever on the company's dime. We took fake pictures at this super expensive spot , like we were eating there. He was like “ well you should have just gone, no biggie “ Good, good person. — Tom McFarland

Tom McFarland - September 05, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ Over the past five years I worked shoulder to shoulder with Richard almost daily. He was one of a kind. A rock and a soldier. But more than just being a hard working man, he was a caring person who gave his all in everything he did. He never did anything half way. That is what I will remember about Richard most. Since the minute he joined us in Authentic, he gave everything he had. We will forever miss his dedication, his kindness and his rye sense of humor.

To his family, we share in your pain. Richard was loved and will be forever missed.

-Jaime and the whole Authentic Transport Family

Jaime Lopez - September 04, 2022 at 10:54 PM

TP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Richard was such a kind and gentle soul with an amazing visual talent. He is gone much much too soon. His loss will be felt by me forever.

Tom Purcell - September 04, 2022 at 09:44 PM

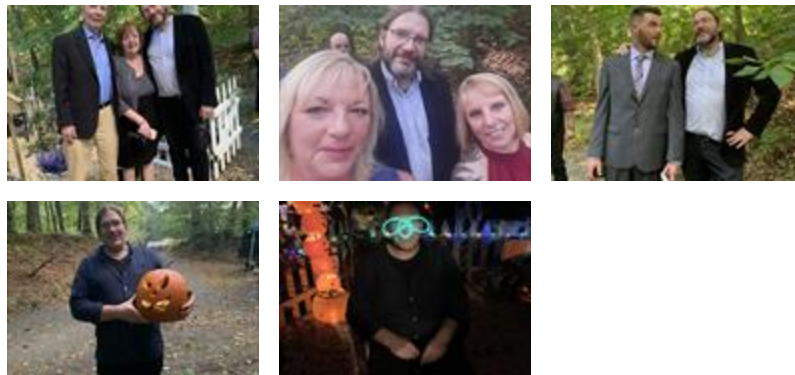
AT

“ I am at a loss for words. I am still in shock and disbelief that RJ is gone. I guess its true, only the good die young. RJ, you may be gone, but you will never be forgotten. We will all keep your memory alive in our hearts and minds each time we hear a certain song, or share a picture or story. My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to my stepmother Gloria, my father, my stepsisters Lisa, Annette and their families, as well as all of those lives that RJ touched. May God Bless all of you with his love, peace, comfort and give you the strength and courage each and every day. RJ, fly high! May you rest in eternal peace. Love ya bro! Until we meet again one day!

Anthony Tortorella - September 03, 2022 at 05:40 PM

LB

“ 50 files added to the tribute wall



lisa berardino - September 03, 2022 at 02:52 PM

FB

So sorry for your loss 💔

Francine Babcock - September 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

MJ

We are so very sorry for your loss. The world is a better place because RJ was here

Margie Jodrey - September 04, 2022 at 02:34 PM



I worked with Richard for over seven years--we started at Phillips around the same time. We collaborated on countless exhibition installations in preparation for our auctions--a process that was inherently stressful as it required hundreds of artworks to be moved, organized, and installed to perfection in a matter of less than two weeks. Despite the often tense circumstances surrounding this process, Richard always led with grace, composure, care, and a wry sense of humor, even when I broke our exhibition layout computer program (Exhibita) seemingly every time I tried to use it. I am so sorry for your loss. I hope some of these stories will provide comfort in this difficult time. Richard will be greatly missed, and I feel very lucky to have known and worked with him.

Rebekah Bowling - September 07, 2022 at 03:26 PM