



Ryszard Chrobak

December 19, 1979 - March 22, 2026

Ryszard “Rich/Richie” Chrobak, a man of remarkable entrepreneurial spirit, infectious rhythm, and a truly selfless heart, passed away peacefully on March 22, 2026. He leaves behind a legacy defined by tireless ambition and a brilliant mind for technology.

Born on December 19, 1979, at St. Mary’s Hospital in Passaic, Richie was a lifelong resident of New Jersey. Raised in Clifton, he was a proud graduate of Clifton High School before continuing his studies at NJIT. He lived for many years at his parents' home in Clifton, also residing in Wayne before most recently settling in Garfield. From his early years, Richie possessed a keen mind for business and an independent heart, traits that led him to a distinguished career as an entrepreneur.

Richie’s professional life was a vivid reflection of his diverse interests. He was a respected figure in the billiards community, known as a formidable player and a connoisseur of the craft, dealing in high-end pool sticks and accessories. His creative drive led to the founding of "Dollar Dig" and his DJ business, RR Productions. For years, Richie was the heartbeat of the celebration, spinning for crowds at Sportz Zone and beyond. Whether he was behind a turntable or immersed in the complexities of a computer, Richie was in his element. He was always focused, curious, and capable of solving the problems others couldn't.

Beyond his business ventures, Richie was defined by his character and unwavering loyalty. He was the kind of person who became a fundamental part of your life—selfless, caring, and always willing to help without a second thought. He found his greatest joy in simple moments: a laugh shared at the Legion, a long conversation, or the quiet way he made things better just by being there. To know Richie was to witness a truly good heart.

Richie was the beloved son of Krystyna (nee: Wiecek) and his late father, Tadeusz “Teddy” Chrobak (2019). He was the cherished brother of Maria Wor and her husband, Edward, and the devoted uncle to his only nephew, Matthew. He is also survived by his loving uncle Anthony Wiecek and his wife, Barbara, as well as many cousins and a wide circle of friends who became family and supported him constantly throughout his journey.

Richie's presence will be deeply missed, but his rhythm plays on in the stories we tell and the way we show up for one another, just as he always did.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kamienski Funeral Homes - Garfield
207 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026
(973) 779-1967

Visitation

MAR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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Garfield, NJ 07026
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Funeral Mass

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church
184 Ray Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

Burial

MAR 27. 12:15 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery
224 Westminster Pl
Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Tribute Wall

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“ You’ll be forever missed! Thank you for the kindness you brought to my life!

Priscilla Troescher - March 25 at 08:41 PM

DL

“ Daniel Lees purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum* for the family of Ryszard Chrobak.



Daniel Lees - March 25 at 02:35 PM

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“ Daniel Lees planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ryszard Chrobak.

Daniel Lees - March 25 at 02:35 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ryszard Chrobak.



March 25 at 11:24 AM

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“ Grace and John Konarski purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ryszard Chrobak.



Grace and John Konarski - March 25 at 09:47 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ryszard Chrobak.



March 24 at 08:59 PM



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“ To the man who was so much more than a Godfather...Richy, you were my mentor, my "IT department," my Rutgers cheerleader, and my absolute ride-or-die.

Growing up in Clifton and then moving to Wallington, you were the heartbeat of every Polish tradition we shared. Whether it was Christmas Eve, Easter, or those long summer days working in the gardens with our parents, you were always there. I truly lost count of how many TVs you brought over just to make sure we had the latest model. From teaching me how to "honor money" when I was just a little girl who secretly ordered a keyboard, to gifting me my first Amazon Echo so I could blast the music we both loved, you always knew exactly what I needed before I even did.

You were the first person I ran to during the chaos of COVID when I was transferring colleges. Your wisdom, your insight into the financials of life, and your constant push for me to stay close to home and attend Rutgers University shaped my entire career in education. I truly do not know where I would be educationally or professionally without your guidance.

I will never forget being the flower girl at Mary's wedding and the honor of dancing with the best DJ I knew. I cherish the memories of you in the garage, always hardworking, whether you were tinkering with that dusty blue car or getting down & dirty lifting and changing parts on the pickup truck. From the Wild West to Trump Plaza in Atlantic City to the BBQs in Wayne and you powerwashing the house in Clifton. Every moment is a treasure I will hold onto forever.

Richy, thank you for always showing up for me; from my Baptism to my Graduation and every hour-long talk where I surely talked your ear off. You were the hardest worker and the most generous soul. We hope you are up there fixing the tech in heaven and finally getting to rest.

To Mary and Pani Krystyna:

Our hearts are with you both during this incredibly difficult time. Richy was a part of our family's foundation, and the void he leaves behind is immeasurable. Please know that we are here for you, always. We are sending you all our love, strength, and prayers as we honor the beautiful life he lived.

With all our love and deepest condolences,

The Kaplita/Martinek Family♥



Katarina Martinek - March 23 at 11:57 PM