

Pat Alger·Tony Arata



My Mother's Son

The song/title of this combined release is one that Pat Alger and I wrote together, and the subject is why we met in the first place almost 30 years ago—Pat's mom and mine as it turned out were from the same small west Georgia town. Right after I moved to Nashville in 1986, I went to a Sunday night writers' show at the Bluebird. The special guest that night closed out the show with a tremendous set that included a song called *Highway 29*, a road that he said ran through his mama's hometown of La Grange, Ga. I went and introduced myself to him after the show and told him that La Grange was where my mama was born. We struck up a friendship that has lasted to this day. Pat Alger has been a surrogate big-brother, a true friend and a mentor since that introduction long ago. Pat and I finally got around to writing a song for those two angel women, Jo and Virginia. Blessed are we to have been their respective sons.