



## Richard F. Silva

November 5, 1936 - January 9, 2019

Richard F. Silva, age 82, husband of the late Elizabeth Antoinette Silva, of Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Neighborhood Hospice. Born on November 5, 1936 in Long Island, New York, he was a son of the late Thomas and Mary Silva.

Richard attended Hofstra University in NY, and would later go on to further his education and receive four bachelors degrees in engineering as well as architecture from Drexel University. Richard was a skilled, licensed professional engineer and architect who went on to design and develop the Seawind Airplane, soon to be certified and manufactured in North America. Richard designed and built the Boeing wind tunnel in the 60s which they still use for testing today. He was a visionary, bringing his dreams into reality, he never believed anything was impossible, and there was no task too large for him to take on.

Richard is survived by his two loving daughters, Tracey Silva, and Terry Silva; as well as his step-son, David Heit.

In addition to his parent and loving wife, Richard was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Silva Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Ceremony at the

Washington Memorial Chapel, Rt. 23, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 11:00 am. Burial will be held in the Washington Memorial Chapel Churchyard, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Friends will be received from 10:30 am - 11:00 am Friday at the Washington Memorial Chapel.

Contributions may be made to American Heart Association 625 West Ridge Pike Conshohocken, PA 19428. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Memorial Chapel Churchyard

2000 Valley Forge Park Road  
King Of Prussia, PA 19406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Washington Memorial Chapel  
Rt. 23  
Valley Forge, PA 19481

## Funeral Ceremony

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Washington Memorial Chapel  
Rt. 23  
Valley Forge, PA 19481

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Frederic CONTENOT lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Silva*



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**Frederic CONTENOT** - June 05, 2021 at 12:04 AM

MT

“ *Mr Richard Silva was One The Greatest and Smartest Men I've Ever Had The Pleasure to Fly with and work with, and I am a UNITED STATES MARINE.. HIS Daughters TERRY also BRILLIANT, ONE of the BEST TRIAL LAWYERS IN THE US IF NOT WORLD , Her Sister a Great Architect also BRILLIANT*



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**MICHAEL THOMPSON** - November 06, 2019 at 03:09 PM

SW

“ *Steve Wightman lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Silva*



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**Steve Wightman** - August 14, 2019 at 12:51 PM

PH

“*Sadly, I just found out about Dicks passing today. My deepest sympathy to his family and staff. I have know Dick for over 15 years and have worked with him through some tough times. He believed in his vision and I believed it as well. I am sadden that he could not see his vision come to full life but I believe it still can. Good bye Dick. You will be missed*

*Paul Hamilton, Exec Vice President, Aviation  
The Magnes Group Inc.*

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**Paul Hamilton** - July 19, 2019 at 10:49 AM

JS

“*With deepest sympathy for the family of Richard F. Silva.*

*Many years ago I was at the St-Jean sur Richelieu airport working on my airplane when*

*he arrive with the first Seawind. I was going to see that airplane and we began to speak*

*about the Seawind for 45 minutes. At that moment I was very impress of his*

*determination and optimism about the futur of the Seawind. It was a privilege to met him*

*and talk about aviation with him. Again my deepest condolences to the family.*

*Jean-Marc Surprenant*

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**Jean-Marc Surprenant** - June 20, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“*Sadly, I have just learned of Richard’s passing. I had the opportunity of working with Richard on the Seawind certification for several years. I have never met a more dedicated, hardworking and determined man as Richard. It was a privilege to be associated with him and I will certainly miss him.*

*Nigel Waterhouse  
Transport Canada Design Approval Representative*

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**Nigel Waterhouse** - May 14, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“*In Montreal, I worked with Dick on a business matter over a period of several years. His energy, dedication, patience and optimism impressed me the most. I enjoyed his company and will miss him. My deepest condolences to the family.*

*Alan Katiya*

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**Alan Katiya** - January 27, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“*I am fortunate to have known Dick through the early kit aircraft through to the certified design. I will miss him and his friendship and enthusiasm and optimism for the future.*

*Erwin Durchlaub*

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**Erwin Durchlaub** - January 18, 2019 at 04:01 PM

WM

“ With deepest sympathy, Eric and Sandy Miller purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard F. Silva.



With deepest sympathy, Eric and Sandy Miller - January 16, 2019 at 09:47 AM

EM

“ Eric Miller lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Silva



Eric Miller - January 16, 2019 at 09:36 AM

BR

“ Bridgette lit a candle in memory of Richard F. Silva



Bridgette - January 16, 2019 at 01:11 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard F. Silva.



January 16, 2019 at 01:09 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard F. Silva.*



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January 16, 2019 at 01:05 AM