



Robert Edward Silva

July 6, 1947 - January 25, 2018

Robert Edward Silva, 70, of The Villages, FL and formerly Berlin, CT passed away on January 25, 2018 surrounded by his loving family.

Born and raised in New Britain graduating from NBHS in 1965, and Porter & Chester Technical School. He retired from the US Postal Service in 2004. Bob particularly fancied Polish women. Well, one Polish woman really. Marcia (Kalinowski) told Bob she was the one for him in 1969 and Bob began his life's work of keeping her happy. Together they had two children, Kelly Caruso (Joe) of East Hampton, and Daniel Silva (Ela) of Rocky Hill. He taught them the value of hard work, to measure twice and cut once, to give the shirt off your back if someone you love needs it, and to listen to their mother. He took great pride in taking them on vacations and bringing them to sporting events as kids and later teaching them how to build and maintain their homes and families.

Papa took extreme pride in his four grandchildren, Taylor and Joey Caruso and Cora and Jack Silva for whom he would bounce off the wall when he saw their pictures, heard news of their successes, and received their FaceTime phone calls.

Bob is also survived by his aunt Ethel Zanetti, cousins Walter and Marion Schleicher who held his hand at the time of his heavenly journey and a long list of aunts, uncles and cousins. He was predeceased by his cousin Ron Schleicher, whom we are sure was waiting for him with a shot of Jack and a

huge hug and his mother Marie Jakubiak.

Bob excelled at woodworking, driving Corvettes, growing bonsai trees and playing bocce. He loved to relax in an oversized recliner while watching television at volumes loud enough for the entire house to enjoy. His beloved Red Sox finally won a World Series title in his lifetime however his Vikings helped keep him from being too overjoyed.

Bob survived the Vietnam war in his first tour so he decided to go back for a second. Sergeant Silva thanks the Army's 1st Infantry Division with teaching him how to lace his boots up and go to work. Bob was an active member of American Legion Post 347 in The Villages, FL and actively volunteered at the VA Clinic.

Bob was a fan of fine foods, especially the "special" from Central Pizza, and yes he does want the anchovies.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Relay for Life in which his granddaughter Taylor is team captain this year:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=44861603&fr_id=86578&pg=personal

Or to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation

2445 Lane Park Road

Tavares, FL 32778

Tribute Wall

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“ *May God Bless him. Thank you for your service. Job well done.*
Tommy Alderuccio

Tommy Alderuccio - January 31, 2018 at 12:44 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you. Didn't know Bob until the last few years and in that time I came to appreciate his sense of humor and his love for his Family. He will be missed.*



Debbie Hajek - January 30, 2018 at 09:58 PM

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“ *Marcia, Kelly, Dan, please know how special Bob was to so many people. He made me feel welcome when I came to visit my brother n sis in law. He made me feel so welcome in his home. I know you were all the light of his eye and his grandchildren were the twinkle in his eye. You are all in my prayers 🙏*

Barbara Newman - January 30, 2018 at 08:03 PM

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“ *Mrs. Silva and family: We are very sorry for your loss. We knew Bob through the Villages bonsai Club and thought highly of him. He was positive, enthusiastic, always friendly, and willing to help in any way he could, serving in various offices. The club and the community will be diminished by his passing.*

Earl & Connie Mangrum - January 30, 2018 at 02:57 PM