



Mr. Edward Michael da Silva Sr.

June 9, 1944 - November 8, 2024

Edward Michael da Silva, Sr., 80, of Plant City, FL, passed away on November 8, 2024, after a short illness. Edward was born on June 9, 1944 to Lourdes (Marques) and Manuel da Silva in Fall River, MA. After Edward graduated from Durfee High School in Fall River, he went on to study business at UMass Dartmouth. In 1961 Edward met Jo-Anne in the Civil Air Patrol. In 1966 Edward graduated from college and that August, Edward and Jo-Anne were married in Newport, Rhode Island. After several moves they had a son and a daughter. Edward Jr. (Terry) & Lucy Chellis (Brad). In 1997 a granddaughter named Ashleigh da Silva followed. After graduating with a degree in business Edward continued his passion in aviation that he started at age 14. As he achieved aviation certificates he started as a flight instructor, went on to small corporate companies flying corporate jets. Edward continued on to work for the FAA as an aviation safety inspector, which he did for 25 years and retired in 2016. During his time in aviation he was a pilot for Civil Air Patrol flying the Piper L-4 Grasshopper flying cadets. Edward also flew many different aircrafts over the years including corporate jets, gliders and everything in between. Due to all of his accomplishments he earned The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award on October 1, 2020, in recognition of Edwards "50 years of exemplary aviation flight experience, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment to aviation safety." Edward was a member of EAA and worked with the Sun and Fun event in Lakeland for a few years. Edward also loved to ride motorcycles and was with Christian Motorcyclist Association for almost 25

years. Edward was an active member of First Baptist Church Plant City where he was a part of the First Men's Ministry. A funeral service will be held Friday, November 15 at 11:00 A.M. at First Baptist Church Plant City, 3309 James L. Redman Parkway, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Committal to follow at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at <https://www.fbcpc.com/live>. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Hopewell Memorial Gardens

6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<https://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Funeral Service

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Live-Streamed Service

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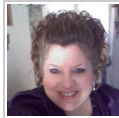
Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Edward Michael da Silva Sr.



Hopewell Funeral Home - November 13, 2024 at 03:29 PM



This was a Beautiful tribute to my Uncle Edward da Silva! I loved all of the pictures, they really seemed to capture his personality and show all of the things he participated in and his greatest loves, his wife, Aunt Jo-Anne da Silva and his children!

Leigh Ragsdale - November 15, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Tracy Ramirez and Scott Toner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Edward Michael da Silva Sr..



Tracy Ramirez and Scott Toner - November 14, 2024 at 01:03 PM

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“ THE QUINBYS purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Edward Michael da Silva Sr..

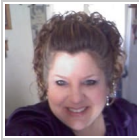


THE QUINBYS - November 14, 2024 at 07:57 AM

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“ THE QUINBYS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Edward Michael da Silva, Sr..

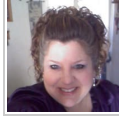
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“ Leigh Ragsdale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Michael da Silva Sr.



Leigh Ragsdale - November 14, 2024 at 07:19 AM

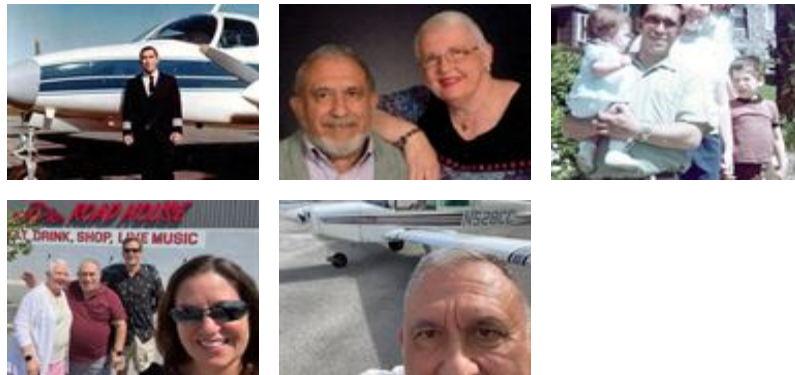


*I always knew
 Uncle Edward da Silva as a very intelligent man especially when it
 came to his knowledge about airplanes.
 He lived his whole life loving his wife
 Aunt Jo-Anne and their two children Eddie and Lucy his granddaughter
 Asleigh, daughter in law Terry , and his son in law Brad.
 Family was very important to Uncle Edward.
 He also lived to serve Jesus and his Church.
 I was always so proud to call him my Uncle and I Loved him very
 much.
 I will definitely miss such a stellar example of how Jesus wants us to
 be.
 Rest in Peace,
 Uncle Edward da Silva*

Leigh Ragsdale - November 14, 2024 at 07:33 AM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



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