



## Matilde R Silvas

February 26, 1939 - October 15, 2018

Matilde “Matt” R. Silvas, 79, of Charlotte, passed away on October 15, 2018. He was born on February 26, 1939, to Pedro and Felicitas (Rodriguez) Silvas in New Braunfels, Texas. His family of eleven moved to join the Rodriguez cousins who had made their home in Michigan. He married Linda Whiting on July 29, 1961.

Matt was fun, generous, happy, helpful and willing to help whenever and wherever he could. Matt and Linda’s family grew by 4, and each of those children had friends who thought of the Silvas house as their own. Their welcome sign was always visible, and the pair were thought of as Mom and Dad by many. There were multiple cousins on both sides of the families, and they meshed often for gatherings. Picnics, tug-of-war, annual Cedar Point trips, go to the lake trips. A carful and caravan was always the Silvas way of traveling.

Matt was a hard worker from the moment he left school until he retired from Fisher-Body. He worked hard so he could play hard. He loved to golf, and he loved his Detroit Tigers. He installed a pool in their backyard so his family could swim, but more importantly so extended family and friends could come on over to swim and share a cookout.

His love for his family, beginning with Linda has come first, then the children, and then he absolutely adored his grandchildren, great, and great-greats. He

was the kind of papa/uncle who spoiled kids by not really meaning “no,” and no harm/no foul. He fiercely loved his family out loud, like a magnet to steel.

Matt is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Jodie (Steve) Driver, Rob (Michelle) Silvas, Amy (Aaron) Sawatzki and Angel (Eric) Bartlett; grandchildren, Jennifer (Thomas) Hoffman, Kenny (Annalesha) Silvas, Todd (Sarell) Driver, Rikki (James) Shepherd, Randi Sawatzki, Rob (Kayla) McElhaney; great-grandchildren, Martina & Landon Hoffman, Devin and Drake Silvas, Aubrie and Kameron Driver, Madeline and Gemma Shepherd, Stevie and Raelynn Sawatzki, Ellie Mae McElhaney; and a great-great granddaughter on the way, Dylan Rae; siblings, Mary Cruz, Sid (Dora) Silvas, Pete (Maria) Silvas, Bruce Silvas, Jobie Moist; in-laws, Cruz Silvas, Teresa Silvas, Wilma Campbell, Leila Whiting, John (Sue) Whiting; countless extended family, and lovingly known as “Favorite Uncle Matt,” his many nieces and nephews would throw down to claim they were his favorite. Matt was predeceased by his parents; and brothers, Pedro, Juan, Frank, David; and life-long cousin and cherished friend, Joe Rodriguez, in-laws, Sherrie Silvas, Lucille Tuckey, Marion Whiting, Norman Campbell.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 11:00 AM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, Visitation will be held Monday, October 22 from 5-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Alzheimer’s Association. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories and condolences on Matt’s Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Matilde R Silvas*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 23, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Matilde R Silvas*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 21, 2018 at 12:54 PM

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*Beautiful pictures. Rest in peace matt.*

Tammy towe (moist) - October 22, 2018 at 04:47 PM

PH

*Condolences to the family, Thoughts, Prayers & Hug's ❤️  
Rest in Peace Matt*

Penny Ann Hall - October 22, 2018 at 06:31 PM



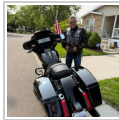
*Loved watching the tribute video. Special family with special memories. You are all in my prayers. Joan Chemacki*

**Joan Cheesmond-chemacki** - October 24, 2018 at 02:53 PM



*Beautiful R.I.P. 💕*

**Rebecca Gonyon** - October 28, 2018 at 05:34 PM



*I just watched this what a great job I not sure if it all has sunk in yet but i do know he is in no more pain and is in a better place I would like to thank each and every one of you that took time to be there for my mom and my sisters and I and was there for each of you all to my Dad was a good man and loved everyone and I was lucky enough to call him my Dad 💕💕*

**Rob Silvas** - October 28, 2018 at 09:53 PM



*Enjoyed watching the family video. R.I.P. primo!!! 🌺*

**Alfredo o. Silvas Jr.** - October 29, 2018 at 12:59 PM



*“ Love from the Cruzs purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Matilde R Silvas .*



**Love from the Cruzs** - October 22, 2018 at 01:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Matilde R Silvas .*



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October 21, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *40 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 21, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Matilde R Silvas .*



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October 20, 2018 at 11:16 PM

DB

“ *Pete, So very sorry to hear about Matt passing. Prayers to you his wife and all the family. May Matt rest in piece.*

*Donna Bashore. (White)*



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**Donna Bahsore** - October 19, 2018 at 08:19 PM

CC

“ *So very sorry to hear of this loss PRAYERS to all family members*



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**Crystal Collins** - October 18, 2018 at 08:24 PM

CM

“ *We are so very sorry for this loss. Matt was a super nice guy and he will surely be missed by many.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Rest In Heaven Matt.*



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**Chris & Verna Meneguzzo** - October 17, 2018 at 08:50 PM

RS

“ I love you Papa.  
I will miss you so much but I am grateful for all the time I had with you. I can't imagine a world without you in it, but I know all the love that you had for all of us and you will live on through us. Thank you for all the memories, you truly were the best Papa a girl could ever ask for.

I'll see you on the other side of the stars. ❤️

Love, Rikki



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**Rikki Shepherd** - October 17, 2018 at 01:16 PM

SM

“ You will always be in my heart, Grumpy. You were truly a special man.

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**Sherri Eaton McElhaney** - October 17, 2018 at 12:13 PM