



Domingo "Sam" Silva

May 12, 1948 - September 12, 2011

Domingo "Sam" Silva, 63, of Aurora, passed away Monday, September 12, 2011 at Provena Mercy Medical Center. He was born May 12, 1948 in Aurora, IL.

Mr. Silva was an Air Force veteran and a member of St. Joseph Church.

Survivors include his mother, Luisa Silva of Aurora; two brothers, Michael (Lucilla) Silva of Vista, CA and George R. (Peggy) Silva of Montgomery; three sisters: Josephine (Abel) Perez of Aurora, Victoria Guerrero of Chicago and Helen Silva of Aurora; his brother-in-law, Manuel Diaz of Sugar Grove; his sister-in-law, Rafaila Perez of Bartlett, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Miguel Silva; his brother, Edward Perez; and his sister, Ertemisa Diaz.

There will be no visitation. Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Church. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with inurnment in St. Joseph Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL, 60606. 630-631-5500. Please visit our new interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Sam's family or sign the guest book.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

Corner of Rt. 25 and Indian Trail Road.
Aurora, IL

Tribute Wall

PM

“ It,s so late now to be doing this. It was years before i knew you were gone. The last time we talked i told you that you were my oldest friend in the world. That began in second grade at St Joes. We became closer in high school at Roncalli. Finally figured out how to get the girls' attention by calling you "Hawaiian Sam" They ate it up and you became a legend. I left town after the Vietnam war but you came to see me in Arizona where you had tennis engagement. I couldn,t believe how you could always be in the right spot whenever we played tennis. It s like you hardly ever moved whike i was chasing all over the place. I miss you and your upbeat attitude. Hope to see you again when I pass. You touched a lot of lives and we are all better for having known you. Your oldest friend Pat Mateas

Pat mateas - May 09, 2025 at 09:59 PM

JR

“ Sam I am deeply saddened to hear about your passing in September. You were a special friend to Jude R. Gauvin (your service buddy) and a wonderful Godfather to our daughter Emily. I remember the first time you held Emily in your arms you were so proud,your smile was infectious! Emily was six weeks old at the time. Our sincere condolences to your family...We are going to have a memorial on Monday for you Sam so our family can say goodbye. Thank you for sharing in our Life you will be missed. We Love you... Janet Ruggieri
Marlborough, MA

Janet Ruggieri - January 12, 2012 at 10:29 PM

MS

I'm glad that you loved my uncle Sam. Domingo Silva. I loved him so much. And I know in his own special way he loved me so much. I was his beer drinking buddy, nephew. I know he watches over me and is with our loved ones. Very dearly missed by me. Mike Silva

Mike silva - October 10, 2016 at 06:57 PM



“ I just found out last night after thinking about Sam and why he had not return my phone calls, sent a Christmas card (which in true Sam fashion, was always late!!), or answer my Happy News text... Well it was because Sam had pasted away this past September... I do not know any of Sam's family (but i sure have heard stories), but Sam was a big part of my family... He was my GODFATHER.. My Father Jude and Sam were in the Air Force together, they were roommates for over 2 years but family for the past 40... Sam and my father had such a special bond and friendship, that when i came along (after 2 other children, Jude and Melissa) Dad choose Sam as my Godfather.. I am so thankful that my dad choose to save "the best for last", meaning his last child and his best friend... Even though Sam and i live so far away (him in Chicago and me in Mass), we always stayed close through, phone call, letters and visits!! I will always have my memories of Sam, him buying me a sweatpant and sweatshirt soccer outfit when i was in 5th grade that i wore to screds, my birthday card and money that i always used for new indoor soccer shoes, his cards always signed "Your Godfather Sam", always addressing his cards to "Emily Lynn", his love for the Bears and Cubs (which i am of chose a B-town fan but i never faulted him for that!), when Sam and my Dad got together was so cute, they were like 2 kids reminicing about "the good old days", going in and out of Logan Airport for the times he was coming for a visit... I remember him coming for my 1st communion, my graduation, he was unable to come to my wedding (Which i am still mad at the town of Aurora for not giving him time off) and lastly my Dads 60th birthday, Sam and i arranged everything, he would fly in and i would pick him up with my kids (Blake 11 and Lana 8) because he had never met my kids, just seen them in all the pictures i sent, That was a great visit and i will always remember my Dads face when i walked into the party with you.. I am sorry i have not been about to take a trip out to Aurora to meet your family and visit your stomping ground... but because you(Sam) had to pass away, i have no excuse not to come now, i need and want to pay my respects and visit your grave... This saddens me to

*no end but i will come, i have promised for years and now i am going to make it happen.. Just stinks its for different reasons... Sam, I love you and will miss you greatly.. You were more then just a Godfather you were part of my family!!! XOXOX
~emily-lynn
your goddaughter*



emily pacific - January 12, 2012 at 09:37 AM

MS

I'm glad my uncle was a part of your life. He was such a loving uncle. Quiet. But happy with his friends and family. I miss him very much. Very very missed by me. His nephew, Mike Silva.

Mike silva - October 10, 2016 at 07:21 PM

LM

“ Our paths first crossed many years ago, starting at St. Joseph, where I knew you as Domingo. We had many baseball games at Garfield Park in Aurora. You were always liked by everyone, a great sense of humor, and a tremendous friend. Later in life our paths crossed again at Lucent where you were known as "Sam". Still a great friend, always humorous, and liked and enjoyed by all. I will miss you often and will always remember our times at St. Joseph. God bless you, and your family you leave behind. ..

Your friend...
Larrie Miller

Larrie D. Miller - September 26, 2011 at 08:04 AM

MS

I'm happy that you were friends with my uncle Sam, Domingo. He is very missed by me. I loved him very much. His nephew, Mike Silva.

Mike silva - October 10, 2016 at 07:31 PM

GP

“ Uncle Mingo...had good times watching the Bears games with you..Thanks for coming to my Mom and Dads 50th Anniversary..it was fun watching you dance that day...I only wish you would have taken more time to get to know us more...because we always wanted to get to know you even more....Rest in Peace

Love Jerry, Maria, and Paulina

Gerard " Jerry" Perez - September 18, 2011 at 12:11 AM

LP

“ Thanks for all the great times. We miss you already. It's not going to be the same without ya. Godspeed friend.

*Always in our hearts,
Rick and Lee Ann (Lou Ann, to Sammy) Phelps*



Lee Ann Phelps - September 15, 2011 at 09:49 PM

AS

“ We all Miss you and Love you Uncle "Mingo". Thank you for being such a great Uncle...Many good memories and lots of laughs.....

*Love,
Art, Kim, Spencer, Riley, Zoe, and Lacey Silva*

Art Silva - September 15, 2011 at 02:18 PM

CL

“ I will miss you "Uncle Sam."

Love, Chesney (Offutt) Leafblad

Chesney Leafblad - September 15, 2011 at 09:24 AM

CE

“ Sammy - it was always my pleasure to see your smiling face whether at Lucent or around town.. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy Ellis

Cindy Ellis - September 15, 2011 at 08:08 AM

NL

“ *Sammy - you are already so missed. You were a great freind with a wonderful sense of humor. Thanks for the great memories at the Bears and Cubs games, St. Georges, Phoenix and the Lodge :). Thanks also for the special pins and thoughtful gifts you always gave us. You will be in our thoughts and hearts forever. Love, Bob and Nancy Lusk*

Nancy Lusk - September 15, 2011 at 07:24 AM

TS

“ *Sam was a sweetheart. I have many great memories of him. Silva, Offutt and Stotz were great buddies. Will always remember the SOS tournaments and parties and the good times we had back then. Leo and Barb Ahasic were part of that great group of friends. Sam will be truly missed by all who knew him.*
Trina Schwingel

Trina Schwingel - September 14, 2011 at 03:59 PM

BA

“ *Sam was a great friend with a wonderful sense of humor. He was instrumental in getting us together and was in our wedding. He will be missed by all who knew him!*
Leo and Barb Ahasic

Barbara Ahasic - September 14, 2011 at 02:04 PM

SJ

We grew up with Mingo and always valued him as a good friend. We miis him already. Our condolences to Mrs. Silva and the family.

Sharon Jacobs

Sharon Jacobs - September 14, 2011 at 03:32 PM

EL

Better late than never Sam but I was able to find you after looking for you on the Internet. I knew you were from Aurora. You and I were in the Air Force together at Columbus Air Force Base Mississippi. You were a plumber, both you and Jude whom I knew and me I was a weatherman. We would go to Sonny's drive-in and drink pabst blue ribbon which Sam introduced me to. Turns out Sam was in my wife Pat and our wedding 52 years ago he came to visit us in Atlanta. I'm very sad to hear of his passing even back when. Sam I miss you and we love you.

PS The girls at Mississippi State College for women thought Sam was a hunk! Made me envious!

Ed & Pat Landry - September 07, 2022 at 05:22 PM