

## Carlos Luis Silva-Portela

February 9, 1945 - May 25, 2015

Carlos Luis Silva-Portela, age 70 of Pomfret, MD died on May 25, 2015 at the Sagepoint Senior Living Center in La Plata, MD.

Carlos is the son of Jesus Silva Ferro and Josephina Portela Freijeiro and was a Customer Service Representative at U.S. Airlines.

Friends received on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 from 2-4PM and 6-8Pm with a Memorial Service at 7PM at the Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment will be private.

Memorials are asked to the Alzheimer's Association "Team Remember Me."

# Previous Events

## Friends Received

JUN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Memorial Service

JUN 2. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carlos Luis Silva-Portela*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Carlos Luis Silva-Portela*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I am saddened to find this obituary. For years I had been looking forward to reconnecting with Coach Carlos Silva but was unsuccessful. We lost touch in 1993.*

*I met Coach Silva in May of 1990 in DC when I was on trials with the Washington Diplomats at Georgetown University. I was new to the USA as a recent high school graduate from Spain. I was broke, spoke no English, and was not particularly happy with my tryout performance that day. He approached me in Spanish so we chatted for a while. Then out of the blue, he says to me he could offer me a chance to go to college and play soccer if I worked hard on improving my English skills before the fall of 1990. I thought he was joking. He was dead serious.*

*That conversation with Coach Silva changed the path of my life and I will forever be in debt with him. I just wish I could say thanks to him in person for seeing potential in me as a kid. He was a great coach, friend, and mentor.*

*My apologies to his family for sharing this memory so late.*

*Que en paz descanses, Coach.*

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**Juan-Manuel Carrillo** - August 31, 2021 at 02:20 PM

LG

“ I am so sorry for the passing of your father. I remember the day he came into the nursing home. He enjoyed walking around and we enjoyed talking to him. I will always remember him as a soccer player and working with horses. My prayers are with you and your family

*Lee Giannini*

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**Lee Giannini** - June 03, 2015 at 06:27 AM

CA

*Thank you*

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**Christi Austin** - June 04, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Carlos Luis Silva-Portela.*



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June 02, 2015 at 07:48 AM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Carlos Luis Silva-Portela.*



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May 29, 2015 at 09:51 PM

GM

“ My heart broke when I heard the news about Carlos. He was one of the kindest people I ever knew. If he liked you, you were treated like family.

*There was nothing he couldn't fix with a hammer and destroyed everything else in the process. I remember the boat he had. We had just finished repairing it. We launched somewhere by his house.*

*The boat was running great and we had to idle it out of the little cove. There were snakes everywhere in the water that day and we were making fun of each other about how we would throw the other into the water with the snakes. Next thing I knew, a snake jumped into the boat and Carlos screamed like crazy, tearing the boat apart looking for something to kill it with. I started to flip out because I lost sight of the snake and Carlos kept banging into me. Carlos found a plastic oar and started hitting the snake and me in the process. The whole time he screamed "God Dam God Dam!" over and over again. Not sure who won that flight, Carlos or the snake. I think the snake got tired of being thrown in the air from the oar. Eventually, it jumped out of the boat. I looked at Carlos and said I am done boating. He agreed. I don't think the boat ever made it back in the water after that and he sold it.*

*The last couple of times I saw him, he was not well. He could get me to where he wanted to go but could not get us back to the house. He would sometimes just start talking Spanish for no reason. Carlos and I share the same birthday - February 9th - and always called each other on that day. I am glad to have had his friendship and will always remember him.*

*Gary Miller*

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**Gary Miller** - May 29, 2015 at 08:15 PM

CA

*The boat did make it out one more time before he sold it, he took my family out to go fishing. It was a beautiful day and my kids loved it. You were a great friend to my dad always coming to fix what he destroyed with a hammer 😊 Thanks*

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**Christi Austin** - May 30, 2015 at 06:44 PM

DG

“ How does one encapsulate a persons' life in brief paragraphs. The stories about Carlos require a two to three volume Novel. Whenever anyone was around him. Rest assured his devious sense of humor was lurking in the shadows. I have been retired from US Airways for twelve years now. Often I have reflected about the time spent with my coworkers. Detailed thoughts would over take my mind about Carlos & and a big smile would appear on my face.

Carlos, Biz, Leonard Maxwell & I would go to the Us Airways Credit Union golf tourney in Pittsburgh Pa. There were too many times we would show up on the first tee feeling the ill effects from the previous evenings' time spent at a local bar.

The stories Carlos would share with us about when he first came to the United States from Spain. For two to three months he ordered a cheeseburger and a beer. For Breakfast,lunch & dinner. He had not mastered the English language. Obviously the bartender wasn't bi lingual.

He did however master the use of expletives deleted very well. I have always had a deep abiding respect for Carlos.

HE ALWAYS EXPRESSED WHAT WAS ON HIS MIND. May you rest in peace my friend.

Dan Gray AKA Smooth

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Dan Gray - May 28, 2015 at 12:52 PM

CA

You are so right, I only wish I had \$1000.00 because that's what it would have cost me to put half of the things I & others loved about my father in his obituary. Thank you for your kind words

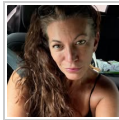
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Christi Austin - May 29, 2015 at 07:56 AM

RB

“ So sad to see him go, but knowing he is in a better place and at peace with himself makes it a little easier. I can't even begin to count all the good times we had together just too much to count. My friend I will dearly miss you., You could make anything fun. You are in the big soccer field in the sky may you R I P. until we meet again RAY BARNES

Raymond Barnes - May 27, 2015 at 09:12 PM



Raymond thank you so much for your kind words. You were such a good friend to my father. Anita

Anita Eggleton - May 28, 2015 at 06:25 AM

CA

Raymond as they say if you find one true friend in life you are blessed!! You were that blessing for my father, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that!!

Christi Austin - May 29, 2015 at 07:59 AM

MA

I'm not sure if any of you will see this message, Anita, Christi, Raymond, however I want to express my deepest sympathies and condolences. He was a wonderful man and I miss him. I hope he forgave me, because I'm truly sorry.

Mandy - January 26, 2023 at 09:41 PM

BC

“ How sad it was to hear of Carlos's passing. As we worked together at USAir in Washington, DC he could always be counted on to add humor to a situation that others might otherwise not be apt to do.. A true light in darkness. He will be missed

Bob Clement - May 27, 2015 at 08:39 PM

CA

*Thanks for your kind words about my dad.*

**Christi Austin** - May 29, 2015 at 05:28 PM

CA

“ *My dearest Dad will be missed deeply. His death is very hard for me, I've never felt love, loss or Pain so deeply. But he is finally at peace.*



**Christi Austin** - May 27, 2015 at 08:35 PM

CA

“ *Carlos Silva, Carlos Castelucci, and (Me) Carlos Esparza The 3 Amigos! We'll Miss Him Dearly! May He Rest In Peace!*

**Carlos** - May 27, 2015 at 01:16 PM

CA

*Thank you, I know my dad is in a better place now*

**Christi Austin** - May 29, 2015 at 05:29 PM

CG

“ *We are so sad to hear about Carlos passing. We worked with him at Usair for many year. What a character he was, always finding the funny in everything, making jokes, giving "special names" to the new guys (and girls) on the ramp, teaching me how to bet on the horses ( I sucked at it--LOL) and of course enjoying some cold beers. It has been a long time since we left US but always remember Carlos. We send you our love and hope that you find peace knowing he was loved very much by his many friends at Usairways. Greg and Claudia Gausepohl*

**Claudia Gausepohl** - May 26, 2015 at 08:57 PM

CH

*So very sad to hear about Carlos! Best days together were when we planned the 1st ever USAir picnic after merger! (Claudia Gausepohl). So much time spent together I quickly realized how great Carlos was! He was such a perfect mixture of gentleman and a little rogue!! He is missed and his family is in my prayers.*

*Christine Hayes  
US Airways at DCA*

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**christine Hayes** - May 27, 2015 at 08:31 AM

CA

*Thank you for the kind words about my father. Yes he was definitely a character!!*

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**Christi Austin** - May 29, 2015 at 05:33 PM

AR

*“ It is with deep sadness that I learn of Carlos' passing. I worked with him many years ago. He always had a smile and brought us great joy and laughter. Heaven has a new angel. My heartfelt condolences to his entire family and all of his friends. Alice Roberts*

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**Alice Roberts** - May 26, 2015 at 07:52 PM

EH

*CARLOS YOU WILL BE MISS,IT WAS A LOT OF FUN AT WORK ON IN THE SOCCER FIELD.AND WE WILL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN ...FOR SURE WITH LOVE BERT HERRERA*

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**ELADIO HERRERA** - May 28, 2015 at 06:50 AM

CM

*Our condolences to Carlos' family and friends. Dave and I had a lot of fun in the "old days" at work and outside of work with Carlos. Carlos was a riot to be around, you never knew what he would do or say next! We have not seen each other in a long time but we have not forgotten and you are missed.*

*Cheryl & Dave Miller*

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**Cheryl Miller** - May 29, 2015 at 12:04 PM



*Thank you for the kind words*

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**Christi Austin** - May 29, 2015 at 05:25 PM