



Ricky O'Brien Silvia

September 21, 1969 - March 27, 2025

Ricky O'Brien Silvia, 55, passed away peacefully on the evening of Thursday, March 27, 2025, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, after a long and courageous battle with heart and kidney disease. Surrounded by his loving family, Ricky took the Lord's hand and entered Heaven with grace and peace.

Born on September 21, 1969, in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Bloom Carroll High School in the class of 1987, where he proudly played drums for both the marching and concert bands. His love for music began early and remained a constant throughout his life.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Ricky became an electrician and went on to own and operate ROS Electric Company with the help of his father. His dedication to his craft and commitment to excellence earned him respect among peers and clients alike.

Ricky also served his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Greenfield Township Fire Department alongside his brothers. His sense of duty extended beyond work and service—he was also a proud member of the United States Navy.

Faith played a central role in Ricky's life. He was an active participant in a

Christian motorcycle club and regularly attended men's prayer breakfasts. His spiritual strength was evident to all who knew him.

Ricky had a wide range of interests that brought joy to both himself and those around him. A devoted fan of John Wayne films, he never passed up an opportunity to watch a good western. He also had a deep appreciation for science fiction and fantasy, enjoying classics such as Star Trek, Doctor Who, The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings, and Star Wars.

His musical tastes were as eclectic as they were passionate—ranging from Styx, Queen, Rush, and Phil Collins to '90s country hits. On beautiful days, Ricky could often be found cruising on his Gold Wing motorcycle or casting a line while fishing with family—a cherished tradition shared by many in the Silvia family.

Ricky loved games that challenged the mind and brought people together. Whether it was cards, chess, or especially cribbage, he was always ready for friendly competition.

He was the beloved son of David Silvia and Roberta (Elliott) Silvia, who provided him with a foundation of unwavering support and care. Ricky shared a close bond with his siblings: Victor (Vicki) Silvia, Fred (Debbie) Silvia, and Becki (Jason – fiancé) Silvia. His family was a central part of his life, and their connection remained strong through every chapter.

Above all else, Ricky found his greatest joy in being a father. His children, Kaitlyn Silvia and Noah Silvia, were the pride of his life. He poured his heart into fatherhood and took immense pride in watching them grow.

Ricky was preceded in death by grandparents, Noah and Madge Silvia, as well as Gene and Fauntelle Elliott—each of whom played a meaningful role in

shaping Ricky's early years. He is also preceded in death by many beloved family members who held a special place in his life.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Carroll located at 51 Park Street, Carroll, Ohio 43112. A funeral service will follow at noon at the same location.

A graveside service to honor Ricky's life will be held immediately following the funeral service, at Franklin Hills Memory Gardens, located at 5802 Elder Road in Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110. A Military Honor Guard Service will be conducted to recognize Ricky's honorable service in the United States Navy.

Following the service, a Celebration of Life will be held at Wagnalls Memorial Library, located at 150 E. Columbus Street, Lithopolis, Ohio 43136. Guests are invited to honor Ricky's memory by wearing western attire—his favorite style—as we gather to share stories and celebrate the life he lived.

Ricky O'Brien Silvia lived a life marked by service—to his country, community, faith, family—and by passions that brought light into every room he entered. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations to assist the family with funeral expenses are deeply appreciated. Call Day Funeral Service Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at (614)532-5012 or cash/check donations can be made at the service.

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Ricky Silvia.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Carroll
51 Park Street
Carroll, OH 43112

Service

APR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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51 Park Street
Carroll, OH 43112

Celebration of Life

APR 5 (ET)

Wagnall's Memorial Library
150 East Columbus Street
Lithopolis, OH 43136

Graveside Service

APR 5 (ET)

Franklin Hills Memory Gardens
5802 Elder Rd.
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Tribute Wall



“ Cleveland-Cliffs Columbus Coatings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ricky O'Brien Silvia.

Cleveland-Cliffs Columbus Coatings - April 04, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ Cleveland-Cliffs Columbus Coatings purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ricky O'Brien Silvia.



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