



## Frank J. Silva

July 8, 1923 - December 8, 2017

Frank was born in Alviso, CA to Alvina and John Silva. He was the youngest of six children: Vic, Joe, Louis, John, and Thelma. Frank attended Alviso Grammar School and graduated from Washington High School. Like many young men his age, he joined the military and chose to be a member of the Army Air Force and was sent to the European war front. While serving the United States, he was a gunner on a B26 bomber and received numerous military honors such as a Purple Heart and a Silver Star which is the U.S. military's highest decoration for valor. He flew 65 missions, many of those on D-Day.

Upon discharge, Frank was reintroduced and married the most beautiful girl in Fremont, Margaret Schelbert, who he was married to for 61 years. Frank went to work at KraftTile and eventually worked for the Alameda County Water District from which he retired. After his retirement, Frank and Margaret traveled to Europe, Hawaii and much of the U.S. As many of you know Frank's favorite pastime was riding his bicycle around Fremont and cheering on his beloved Oakland A's.

Frank is survived by his two stepchildren, Frank and Bev, three grandchildren Cristin, Eric, and Steven, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Military Honors will be held at Holy Spirit Church and we encourage our Veterans to wear any military garb they might still have.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to either of the following organizations by clicking on the links below. Thank you.

American Heart Association <https://donatenow.heart.org/>

Operation Freedom Paws <https://operationfreedompaws.org/>

Shriners Hospitals for Children: <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/s hc/donate>

# Cemetery Details

## San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery

32053 W. McCabe Road  
Santa Nella, CA 95322

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Fremont Memorial Chapel  
3723 Peralta Boulevard  
Fremont, CA 94536  
1-510-793-8900  
fremontchapeloftheroses@yahoo.com  
<https://www.fremontmemorialchapel.com>

## Mass

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
37588 Fremont Boulevard  
Fremont, CA 94536

# Tribute Wall



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Frank J. Silva.



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December 18, 2017 at 10:39 PM