



SLIVA, Thomas E.

Thomas E. Sliva, 61, of Vero Beach, FL, formerly of Newington, died unexpectedly on Wednesday (April 17, 2013). Born in New Britain, son of the late Edward and Florence (Szumoski) Sliva, he was a Newington resident for many years. Tom graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and received his Master Degree in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia. He was a proud veteran and officer of the [U.S. Navy](#). An internationally recognized expert in nuclear energy and business, Tom was responsible for many industry-leading companies including President and CEO of AEA Technologies, Business Development Manager and Senior Project Manager of Bechtel Power Corporation, President and CEO of Staveley Services North America, and Vice President of AREVA NP Inc. He was most recently employed as the Westinghouse Electric Corporation Vice President in charge of constructing the first nuclear power plant in the United States in 30 years. Tom was a dedicated supporter of the Vero Beach community, contributing to the Homeless Family Shelter and the Hibiscus Children's Center. He planned to share his love and knowledge of Colonial Williamsburg, VA during his retirement by volunteering with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Tom was an avid history buff, enjoyed building model trains, and spent many hours nurturing his beautiful trees, roses, and gardens. Above all, Tom enjoyed spending time with his devoted family. He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara (Kopij) Sliva of Vero Beach, FL, his daughters Amy Sliva and Dana Sliva both of Cambridge, MA, his grandson Alex Martino of Vero Beach, FL, and his brother David Sliva and sister-in-law Maura Sliva both of Old Saybrook, his niece Erin Sliva, his nephew Gregory Sliva, and many cousins. He will always be remembered as the rock of his family.

His funeral service will begin on Wednesday, at 12 noon at the Newington Memorial Funeral Home, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Newington. He will be laid to rest with Military Honors in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Tuesday from 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. at Newington Memorial. Please make Memorial Donations made in Tom's memory to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation: P.O. Box 1776, Williamsburg VA 23187 (757-229-1000)