



## Richard Vincent Petta

November 17, 1942 - January 11, 2026

Richard Vincent Petta lived a life defined by loyalty, laughter, and a legendary smile. On January 11, 2026, at the age of 83, Richard passed away at his home in Winter Garden, Florida, surrounded by the family he spent a lifetime building and protecting.

Born in Georgetown, D.C. in 1942, Richard was a man of steadfast faith. As a devout Catholic, he found great strength in his community and his relationship with God, which served as the foundation for how he led his family. He was a man of many titles: sailor, civil servant, and a dedicated brother of the Order of Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. But to those who knew him best, he was the master of the "civilized debate," a connoisseur of fine cigars—most notably his Lincoln Logs—and the man whose laugh could brighten the darkest room.

For 58 years, he was the devoted husband and partner to Lee Ann. Together, they raised a family that grew to include four children, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

His quick wit stayed with him until the very end, and his memory will live on every time a cigar is lit or a lively discussion is shared in his honor.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

## Catholic Prayer Service

JAN **14**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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## Final Viewing

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Traditional Catholic Church  
1018 36th Street  
Orlando, FL

## Catholic Funeral Mass

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JAN 15. 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Richard Petta, son of Virginia, has been a steadfast loyal member of the OSDIA State Grand Lodge of Virginia for well over 60 years. He was President of the Grand Lodge from 1973 to 1977 and was influential in the rewriting of the both the National and Grand Lodge of Virginia bylaws. Richard was always personable and kind in his words and manner. He will be missed. Rest in peace Richard.*

*The OSDIA Grand Lodge of Virginia*

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**John Gossner** - January 19 at 11:33 AM

AP

“ *I am truly heartbroken to know that you are no longer on this earth, but hopefully I'll see you again in the Great Beyond. The memories of our childhood and teen years keep playing through my mind, and that's how I will always remember you. Your journey is now over, you've reached your final reward, and may God keep you in His loving embrace. With a heavy heart I say goodbye for now. With love, your sister Alicia.*

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**Alicia Petta** - January 14 at 10:21 AM

RP

“ *Roland P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Vincent Petta.*

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**Roland P.** - January 14 at 09:35 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Vincent Petta.*



January 14 at 06:30 AM



“ *Dr Manoj, Falu, Kanu, Saku & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard Vincent Petta.*



**Dr Manoj, Falu, Kanu, Saku & Family** - January 14 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr Manoj, Falu, Kanu, Saku & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Vincent Petta.*

**Dr Manoj, Falu, Kanu, Saku & Family** - January 14 at 12:00 AM



“ *Richard was an active participant at many meetings and National Conventions I attended. He was always willing to share his knowledge of the bylaws and ritual with those of us who sought his wisdom. His many contributions to the Order will serve as his lasting legacy. May God grant Richard eternal peace and solace in Heaven and grant his family strength during this challenging time. Sincerely, Mark DeNunzio*

**Mark DeNunzio** - January 13 at 06:48 PM

HL

“ Helga and Larry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Vincent Petta.

Helga and Larry - January 13 at 08:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Vincent Petta.



January 13 at 08:57 AM

SF

“ Satallante & Ruggiero Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Vincent Petta.



Satallante & Ruggiero Family - January 12 at 09:56 PM

SF

“ Satallante & Ruggiero Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Vincent Petta.

Satallante & Ruggiero Family - January 12 at 09:56 PM

SM

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Petta family!

Sara Mullen - January 12 at 09:55 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Vincent Petta.* ”



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January 12 at 07:29 PM