

**AYRTON SENNA
A CHRONICLE
OF LIFE**

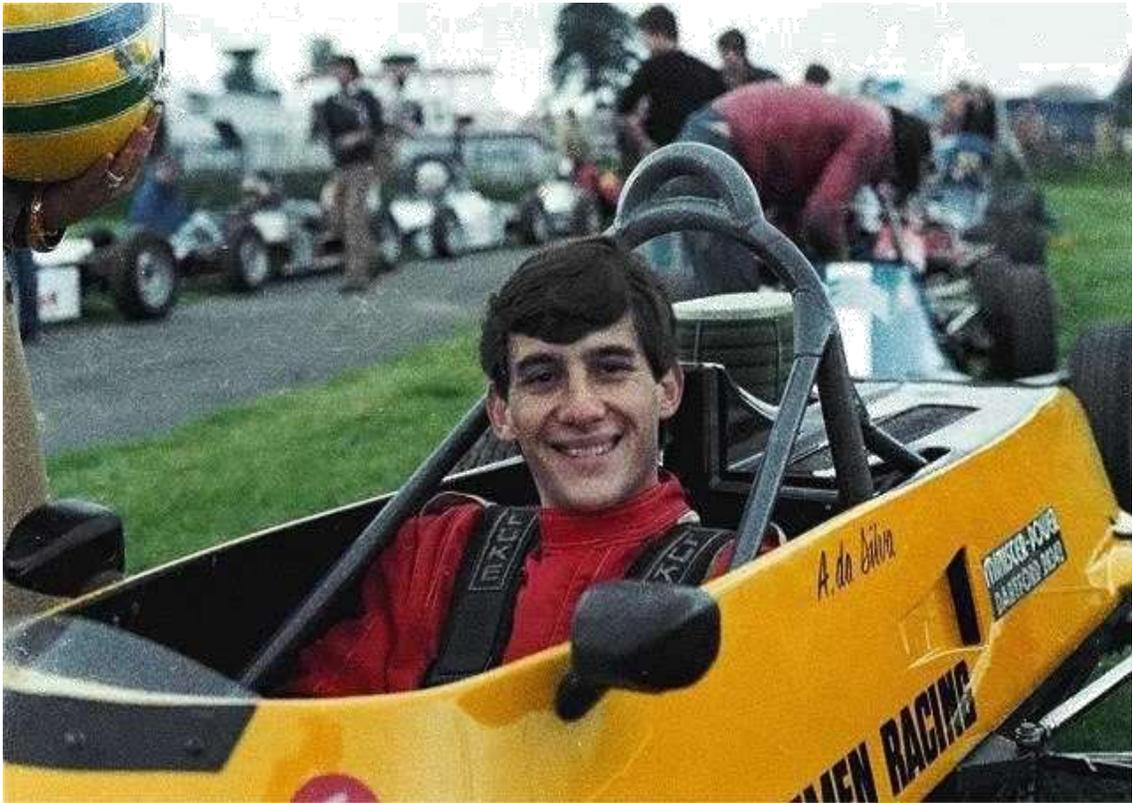
Ayrton Senna Da Silva was born in Sao Paulo in Brazil. He was born to a wealthy family. He had an older sister named Vivane and a younger brother named Leonardo. His mother was the granddaughter of an Italian immigrant, while his father was born to a Spanish mother and a Brazilian father from Sao Paulo.

Ayrton Senna was raised in the Northern zone of the City of Sao Paulo in Serra Da Cantareira. He shared his room with his brother, Leonardo. He went to high school

and to the racetrack from the city of Sao Paulo.

He got a go-kart at the age of 4 from his father Milton but before he had the go-kart he had a tricycle and when he got onto his tricycle he would jump onto it and ride. When he was about 8 years old regularly he would compete in karting events.

At the age of 17 he competed in the South American Kart Championship which he won.



While watching Aryton Senna's interest in karting, his father encouraged and appointed Lucio Pascal Gascan as his manager before he competed in the American Kart Championship in 1977.

From 1978 to 1982, he participated in the World Karting Championship. His performance increased well with each race and he finished the race as runner-up in the 1979 and 1980 season. In 1981, he relocated to England in order to further his racing career as a single-seat driver.



He participated in the Townsend Thoreson Formula Ford 1600 Championship and RAC competition, under the Van Diemen team and ended up winning both championships.



In 1982 he won the British and European Formula Ford 2000 Championships. In the following year he competed and was the recipient of the British Formula Three Championship Title.

With his brilliant performance Ayrton Senna was able to win the Formula Three Grand Prix. Based on this success, in the year 1984, he made his debut in the Formula One season with the Tolemen team and in the following year, he moved to Lotus – Renault and won a total of two races before he

moved to McLaren for the 1988 season. He joined Alain Prost at McLaren – Honda – which is one of the top Formula One teams.



During that season the two drivers were able to dominate the Formula One campaign. In this capacity Ayrton Senna was able to claim his very first World Championship at the age of 28. His determination and dedication helped him achieve this ultimate prize.



After a great rivalry with Alain Prost, Ayrton Senna was able to win the World Championships during the 1990 and 1991 race season. In 1994 Ayrton Senna signed a contract with Williams.

He showed his views on the reservation of his new car and the

**new rules for the first formula
championship and he said:**

***“It’s going to be a season with lots
of accidents, and I’ll risk saying
that we’ll be lucky if something
really serious doesn’t happen.”***



**During his first two races he
gained a perfect position but due**

to different reasons he failed to finish the race. On the third race which was held in Imola, San Marino. Senna said that his campaign would start from here from where he won 14 races out of 16.



However, the weekend was full of tragedies, accidents, death, and

horrors. During the first practice round on Friday his compatriot, Rubens Barrichello was injured badly when his Jordan car flipped over, smashing into a fence. On the next day, which was Saturday an Austrian rookie driver Roland Ratzenberger was killed when he smashed into a concrete wall.

Senna had been emotionally affected since he had met Ratzenberger recently. He went to the scene of the accident and climbed over the medical fence to see the crash site.

Senna spent his last morning meeting with his fellow drivers and considering on how to improve safety for the drivers in Formula One.



During the 7th lap, Senna suffered a fatal crash. He was driving his

car at top speed. The car left the track at around 205mph (330km/h) and it hit the concrete retaining wall around 135mph(217km/h). Even though he was quickly taken to the hospital, he was declared dead on arrival.



His death was a great shock to the

world of sport and to Brazil. It is said that about 3 million people lined up in the streets of Sao Paulo for the return of Ayrton Senna's body which was a record for a gathering for any memorial at that time.

Ayrton Senna as a devout Catholic and someone who regularly read the Bible. He said, "Nada pode me separar do amor de Deus," which means "Nothing can separate me from the love of God". He donated millions of dollars to the poor Brazilians and before he died, he

created the “Ayrton Senna Institute” which was dedicated to helping disadvantaged people in Brazil. Senna inspired millions of people all over the world because of his skill and dedication to his sport.

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