



Joao Batista Afonso

January 13, 1954 - April 12, 2023

Joao Batista Afonso, aged 69, of Turlock passed away suddenly on April 12, 2023.

Joao was born on January 13, 1954 to Mariana Silveira Azevedo and Joao Inacio Afonso in Beira, Velas, Sao Jorge, Azores. Joao immigrated to Turlock, California in 1980 after marrying his wife, Sandra. Joao worked in the dairy industry all of his life, and was an accomplished herdsman. He and Sandra also raised cattle on their own. Morning coffee together, regular bickering, frequent laughs, and hard work, side by side, was always their way. In his later years, Joao shifted his efforts toward tending his herd of dairy goats. Raising and training a team of oxen, travel to several states, Canada, and a return trip to the Azores/mainland Portugal were also highlights for Joao when he could slip away from working. Joao loved watching professional wrestling, and he never met a pizza he didn't like. Many a cat and dog were also lucky to be loved by Joao during his lifetime. When it came to helping people he loved, Joao would say, "one hand washes another." Joao was one of a kind, and will continue to live on in our hearts and memories.

Joao was preceded in death by his parents, and in 2008, his wife, Sandra Thomas Afonso.

He is survived by his stepdaughters, Sherrill Gomes and Yvette Fagundes-

Hall; step-grandson, Evo Costa; step-granddaughters, Susannah and Lillian Hall; sister, Maria Fatima Romano of Turlock; sisters, Bernadette Sousa, Silvina Sousa, and Juselmina Silveira all of Sao Jorge, Azores; and brother, Jose I. Afonso, of Terceira, Azores. Joao also leaves behind several nieces and nephews as well as many sisters and brothers in law.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 27, at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd, Turlock. A recitation of the Rosary and Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2602 S. Walnut Rd, Turlock. Burial to follow at Turlock Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to a local pet rescue of choice.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
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Recitation of the Rosary

APR 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church
2602 South Walnut Road
Turlock, CA

Funeral Mass

APR **28**. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church
2602 South Walnut Road
Turlock, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joao Batista Afonso.* ”



April 26, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ *Maria M Bettencourt purchased the Ocean Breez e Spray for the family of Joao Batista Afonso.* ”



Maria M Bettencourt - April 24, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *É com muita tristeza que recebi a notícia da tua partida, ainda mais, estando tão longe.
Não foi possível nos reencontrarmos e estarmos juntos mais uma vez.
Tem um eterno descanso, meu querido irmão!
Até um dia!* ”

Bernardete Sousa - April 24, 2023 at 12:07 PM

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“ Apesar de não ter tido a oportunidade de conviver muito com o meu tio João, devido à distância geográfica, recordo para sempre o seu sorriso, a sua boa disposição e o seu humor. Há uns anos atrás, tive a felicidade de o reencontrar e de construir novas memórias, que se juntaram às poucas, de infância.

Foi com muita tristeza que recebi deste lado do Atlântico a notícia da sua partida.

Descansa em paz, tio João.

Até sempre!

Jorge Sousa - April 24, 2023 at 12:02 PM