



João Luis Borba

February 20, 1939 - October 7, 2024

João Luis Borba (85), of Hilmar, CA, passed away peacefully at his home on October 7, 2024, surrounded by his family, after a hard-fought battle with Leukemia.

João was born to Luis Machado Borba and Maria Trindade dos Ramos Sousa on February 20, 1939 in Fajã dos Vimes, São Jorge, Açores. He was one of seven children.

João grew up in Fajã dos Vimes, a remote village on the Southern shore of the island, where his family worked on and lived off the land. It was there that João learned to farm ground and work with cows. It is where he became instilled with a love and passion for farming which would influence the rest of his life.

In the early 1960s, while serving in the Portuguese Military, João was sent to fight in the Portuguese Colonial War in Angola, Central Africa. The war had a profound impact on João. He lost many friends and formed lifelong bonds with many others. His wartime experiences ultimately helped shape his outlook on life, particularly his faith and devotion to God.

In 1966, after João's return from war, he and his family immigrated to the United States, with very little money and very limited English. However, what

the Borbas lacked in wealth, they more than made up for with high hopes and big dreams. After settling near Hilmar, California, João and his brothers began working at local dairies, with the goal of saving enough money to start their own dairy operation. In 1968, João married Maria Idalina Moraes, who had immigrated from the same village. That same year, the Borba brothers used their savings to buy 60 cows and start their first dairy, which was the beginning of the Borba Brothers partnership. Over the next 20 years, through hard work, sacrifice and perseverance, the Borba brothers acquired multiple properties and continued to grow their operation, while also growing their families.

By 1989, the brothers decided the time had come to split up the operation, so that the next generation of Borbas could be brought into the family businesses. The selfless men that they were, the brothers agreed to divide everything into 3 groups and to draw slips from a hat to determine who would get what. João drew the ranch on Kelley Road, where he would spend the next 37 years building and expanding Borba Dairy Farms. His reputation, as an honest, hard-working, and fair businessman, gave rise to a legacy that will continue to be passed down to future generations.

In his later years, it was João's joy to return to his birthplace to reconnect with his roots and revive his childhood home. He loved welcoming his children, grandchildren, family and friends into his family home in Fajã dos Vimes, sharing with them his many fond childhood memories, while also creating new memories that will live on. João's frequent visits to the old country rejuvenated him, keeping him vibrant and young at heart.

Despite all his success, João was a modest, humble man that would want to be remembered above all, for his love and devotion to God. He lived his life, first and foremost, following God's word. João was a generous man and strong believer in helping the less fortunate and supporting those in need. He will be greatly missed and will be eternally loved by his family, friends and

community.

João is preceded in death by his parents, Luis and Maria Trindade Borba, his brother, Jose, Jose's wife Maria Clementina, his brother Luis, and his siblings Maria Fatima (who died at the age of 18), Emanuel (who died in infancy) and Maria do Carmo (who died in infancy). João is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Maria Idalina; his seven children, Bobby (Doilinda), Michael (Natalie), Evelyn, Johnny, Mariana Rodarakis (George), Connie Cabrera (Michael) and Emanuel (Jessica); his ten grandchildren: Lillianna, Victoria, Maxamino, Isabella, Miya, Peter, Cruz, Maggie, Emma and Beau; his brother Antonio (Mary) Borba; and much-loved nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Spirit of Father Mata in memory of João L. Borba (<https://www.spiritoffathermata.com>)

A Visitation for João will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2602 South Walnut Road, Turlock, CA 95380.

A Recitation of the Rosary will occur Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2602 South Walnut Road, Turlock, CA 95380.

A Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2602 South Walnut Road, Turlock, CA 95380.

A Committal Service will occur Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at Turlock Memorial Park & Funeral Home, 575 N. Soderquist Road, Turlock, CA 95380.

Serving as pallbearers are Antonio Borba, Daniel Borba, David Borba, Luis Borba Jr., Maxamino Borba & Johnny Morris.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
2602 South Walnut Road
Turlock, CA 95380

Recitation of the Rosary

OCT **15**. 7:00 PM (PT)

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
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Funeral Mass

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
2602 South Walnut Road
Turlock, CA 95380

Committal Service

OCT **16**. 11:30 AM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park
575 N Soderquist Rd
Turlock, CA 95380-3749
(209) 632-9111

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.* ”



October 16, 2024 at 06:01 AM



“ *Famillia Fernandes (Sao Jorge) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.* ”

Famillia Fernandes (Sao Jorge) - October 16, 2024 at 06:01 AM



“ *A donation has been made to the Spirit of Father Mata in honor of João Luis Borba, beloved father to Connie and and grandfather to Cruz. Sending much love to the entire Borba Family. We love you, Connie, Javi, and Cruz!
xo, JoAnn, James, Penelope & Oliver* ”

JoAnn To - October 15, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *Art, Rhonda, Brayden & Audrie Silva purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of João Luis Borba.* ”



Art, Rhonda, Brayden & Audrie Silva - October 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

AS

“ Art, Rhonda, Brayden & Audrie Silva planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

Art, Rhonda, Brayden & Audrie Silva - October 15, 2024 at 01:13 PM

PB

“ Paul B. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of João Luis Borba.



Paul B. - October 15, 2024 at 01:10 PM

PA

“ Paul A. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of João Luis Borba.



Paul A. - October 15, 2024 at 11:45 AM

DS

“ David and Marla Sousa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of João Luis Borba.



David and Marla Sousa - October 15, 2024 at 10:48 AM

DS

“ David and Marla Sousa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

David and Marla Sousa - October 15, 2024 at 10:48 AM

PC

“ Peter C. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of João Luis Borba.



Peter C. - October 14, 2024 at 11:29 PM

PC

“ Peter C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

Peter C. - October 14, 2024 at 11:29 PM

MH

“ A donation has been made to the Spirit of Father Mata in honor of Joao Luis Borba. Our deepest sympathy and sending prayers and comfort to the entire family during this difficult time.
God Bless, The Hartvickson Family (Dave, Monica, Reis & Eva)

MONICA R HARTVICKSON - October 14, 2024 at 11:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.



October 14, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BC

“ Board and staff of CDC & CFU planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

Board and staff of CDC & CFU - October 14, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.



October 14, 2024 at 05:04 PM

LR

“ Laird Mfg. Isaac Isakow/Manuel Rosa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of João Luis Borba.



Laird Mfg. Isaac Isakow/Manuel Rosa - October 14, 2024 at 02:56 PM

AE

“ Aemetis purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of João Luis Borba.



Aemetis - October 14, 2024 at 02:20 PM

WR

“ A donation has been made to the Spirit of Father Mata in honor of Joao Borba. Wishing your family comfort and support during this time. - Ernest and Wendy Ramsey

Wendy Ramsey - October 14, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JB

“ Janice Borba purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of João Luis Borba.



Janice Borba - October 13, 2024 at 07:39 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.



October 13, 2024 at 06:26 PM

FC

“ From Joe, Nikki & Cade Clarot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

From Joe, Nikki & Cade Clarot - October 13, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SJ

“ Sharon joseph purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of João Luis Borba.



Sharon joseph - October 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM

SJ

“ Sharon joseph planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

Sharon joseph - October 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM

JR

“ Jorge, Anna, Amy, Eric & Mary Beth Rocha purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of João Luis Borba.



Jorge, Anna, Amy, Eric & Mary Beth Rocha - October 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM

JR

“ Jorge, Anna, Amy, Eric & Mary Beth Rocha planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

Jorge, Anna, Amy, Eric & Mary Beth Rocha - October 13, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.



October 11, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ (WA, SA, RS, JM, BK, DZ, AK & AC) purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of João Luis Borba.



(WA, SA, RS, JM, BK, DZ, AK & AC) - October 10, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.



October 10, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ Marlin & Bobbett Bettencourt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.

Marlin & Bobbett Bettencourt Family - October 10, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.*



October 09, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ *Rob and Michele Henson Jr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.*

Rob and Michele Henson Jr - October 09, 2024 at 11:13 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of João Luis Borba.*



October 09, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ *Vally Dairy Supply and the Silva Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of João Luis Borba.*

Vally Dairy Supply and the Silva Family - October 09, 2024 at 10:20 PM