



Custodio F. Fernandes

December 9, 1937 - April 26, 2023

Custodio Francis Cipriano Fernandes (85), of Vallejo California, passed on April 26, 2023, surrounded by his immediate family.

Custodio, fondly known to all as Francis, was born on December 9, 1937 in the beautiful country of Goa, Western India, to Joa and Retinha Fernandes. The family relocated to Nairobi, Kenya and Francis, a coordinated and talented athlete, played soccer for the professional team, Nairobi Heroes. He met his beloved Barbara in Nairobi, fell deeply in love and they married in 1960, starting their family the following year. Due to government turbulence, the family left Nairobi in 1971, moved briefly to London and then made the leap to immigrate to San Francisco the same year.

He had a great love for numbers and obtained his CPA. After coming to San Francisco, Francis spent 31 years in the banking industry. His favorite pastime was enjoying numerous activities with his Bull & Bush Brothers such as darts, camping, picnics, dinner, and dancing. Francis was also an avid sports enthusiast and truly relished watching his San Francisco 49ers, Giants and Golden State Warriors as well as every soccer game on television.

Francis is survived by his loving wife Barbara, three children: Christopher, Derek and Jennifer, and their spouses, Diane, Liz, and Bruce as well as his grandchildren Thomas & Meagan. He is also survived by his brother, Antony,

and his sisters, Davina, Phil, Bernie, and Clemmy. Francis was predeceased by his sisters, Elvira and Clara, and his parents, Joa and Retinha.

His family will host a funeral service on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM, in the Mausoleum Chapel at All Souls Cemetery, 550 Glen Cove Road, Vallejo.

Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road
Vallejo, CA 94591
(707) 644-5209

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dearest Barbara, Chris, Derek and Jennifer. We are truly saddened by the passing of our beloved uncle and godfather. We will miss him dearly. We have many treasured memories of our time together both growing up and then during visits to Canada and SF. I was given the nickname Girlie by my Godfather, Francis and that name has struck with me all of these years with the affection you have always shown. Thank you for the good memories. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. RIP. Love ❤️ Always, Girlie(Jean), Joe and family.

Jean Barretto - May 08, 2023 at 10:54 PM

JT

“ Dear Barbara, Christopher, Derek, Jennifer and families
Our deepest condolences on the loss of your very dear Francis - husband/father/father-in-law/grandfather. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. For sure, Mr. Britto and his Goan school Form 1 football classmates, who have gone ahead, are waiting to welcome Francis.
I have fond memories of our longtime friendship when we strolled along Government Road in Nairobi on Saturdays and then met at the RGI. Farewell dear friend. Rest in Peace.

*John & Sylvia Tavares
Mississauga, Canada.*

John & Sylvia Tavares - May 05, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Custodio F. Fernandes.*



May 04, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy to Barbara , Christopher, Derek,Jenny & families Dear Francis is gone to his creator but not forgotten. He will be missed by all who knew him RIP 🙏.
I Still have memories of Nairobi and following him , playing football for Nairobi Heroes. He was a awesome player who won many trophies during his playing days
May his soul rest in peace 🙏*

TonySally & family

Tony Dcosta - May 04, 2023 at 05:53 AM



Our sympathy too. I had very little time with you all but loved your company as a little girl in Nairobi. May be rest in peace and God comfort and bless you all

Thelma Morito - May 04, 2023 at 03:24 PM

AH

“ The first time that I joined the Fernandes family, having married Elvira in 1977, I thought I would never remember all of their names.....there were so many!!! But I first met Francis during our honeymoon in the States. Elvira and I flew from Phoenix to Frisco. It was here that I met the American side of the family. Being a Mzungu from 8000 miles away, I was worried as to how I would be received but the kindness shown by Francis and Barbara (Bin) was overwhelming. (Plus the boys did a wonderful breakfast!). We only met on a few occasions but, to me, Francis was a 'true gent'. He gave me and Elvira a wedding present which today still hangs on the wall.....hopefully I will send a picture. I know his family will miss him and my thoughts are with you all!!!!



Alan Howes - May 03, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Custodio F. Fernandes.



May 03, 2023 at 02:28 PM

BF

“ Bazil Menezes & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Custodio F. Fernandes.



Bazil Menezes & Family - May 03, 2023 at 12:18 PM

CF

“ Francis Fernandes was born into an era when the Goan Community in Kenya enjoyed some of the best days of their lives. It was an era of a carefree life when we all worked very hard at our jobs, played very hard at our sports, and worked even harder at our other leisure activities, especially fishing, picnics, visits to the Kenyan Coast and other parts of the country. Francis and most of the Heroes boys were integral members of the Railway Goan Institute (later the RI) and playing for the Club they won several trophies. Heroes was the favourite team of the Tailor communities and at every grand final, they were presented with bottles of whisky and the odd gold chain. Heroes won almost every competition. Francis played alongside some of the greatest Goan players ever: Oscar D'Mello, Alex Fernandes, Johnny Lobo, Martin and Johnny D'Souza, Jack Carvalho, Tony Pinto, and a host of other unforgettable players. Francis was a hard, hard playing full back and he was respected for his skill. He loved a glass of Tusker at the club. He had a good sense of humour but he was generally a quiet thinking man. I worked with him briefly at Oxo ... also from the very first day he fell in love with Barbara, a match made in Heaven. There was a quiet greatness in him. Never forget him. Cyprian Fernandes.
Condolences to the whole family. Rest in Peace Rafiki Yangu!

Cyprian Fernandes - May 02, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Custodio F. Fernandes.



May 02, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Custodio F. Fernandes.



May 02, 2023 at 02:30 PM