



Jose Rodrigues Goncalves

September 13, 1940 - June 13, 2025

Myrtle Beach.....Jose Rodrigues Goncalves, age 84, passed away Friday, June 13, 2025.

Mr. Goncalves was born in Celorico da Beira, Portugal, on September 13, 1940. He loved the sport of soccer. In his early years, he played and coached soccer teams. He was a Portuguese military soldier for many years. He was stationed in Angola, Africa, where he met his wife, Maria Manuela Rufino. They married and owned a storefront bakery. Their only daughter, Carla Maria Rufino Goncalves, was born in Angola, Africa.

The family fled from Africa to Portugal because of the uprising in the country. When the family arrived in Portugal, Jose continued his love of baking at a bakery distant from his wife and daughter. After five years of living in Portugal, the family had the opportunity to immigrate to the United States. Upon arriving in America, he settled his family in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where he spent 25 years working for the Carol Cable Wire Company before retiring.

After his retirement, Jose and Maria moved to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, due to the warmer climate. Jose loved going to the beach and long road trips. He spent many years caring for his family. During his free time, he was an avid fan of the Portuguese "Benfica" soccer team. He spent the Fall and Winter seasons watching the Portuguese soccer leagues on television. He could tell you any statistics about the players in the league. His favorite color was red because of this soccer team. Jose helped his family and friends when he was able to lend a hand. He was a loving husband, father, uncle, and

godfather to his family members. Jose's love, wisdom, and companionship will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are: his wife, Maria Manuela Rufino Goncalves of Myrtle Beach; one daughter, Carla Goncalves of Myrtle Beach; three brothers, Franclim Goncalves of Hartford, Connecticut, Julio Goncalves of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Manuel Goncalves of Portugal; and two sisters, Maria Louisa Goncalves Coelho of North Providence, Rhode Island and Leopoldina Goncalves Veira of Portugal.

A memorial service will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Home on 11528 Frontage Road, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. The service will be from 5:00-7:00 PM on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - June 28, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves.*



June 25, 2025 at 07:17 AM



“ *Manuel, Graça, e Amalia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves.*



Manuel, Graça, e Amalia - June 25, 2025 at 06:31 AM

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“ *Coelho and DeCastro Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves.*



Coelho and DeCastro Family - June 22, 2025 at 08:40 PM

LC

“ *Luisa Coelho purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves.*



Luisa Coelho - June 22, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves.*



June 20, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves.*

June 20, 2025 at 02:34 PM

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“ *TeacherK23A sent a virtual gift in memory of Jose Rodrigues Goncalves*



teacherk23A - June 19, 2025 at 09:10 PM

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Whatever You Need

*"Whatever you need,
Whatever we can do.
We want you to know
That we're here for you.*

*If you just want to talk
Or need a shoulder to cry on,
We want you to know that
We're here for you to rely on.*

*However lonely you feel,
You definitely are not alone.
We are only as far away
As the nearest phone.*

*So don't hesitate to call,
No matter what you need.
We'll rush to your side
With all Heaven's speed."*

In LOVE, LIGHT many blessings to Tia Manuela, Carla and family 🙏



I love you and may Tio Ze rest in peace 🙏🕊️🙏

Gena Pinto - June 20, 2025 at 10:42 AM

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“ From Alyssa Johnson:

For over 20 years, my step-grandpa ("Pai") was a quiet but steady presence in my life-a kind soul who may not have spoken the same language as me, but somehow still managed to speak straight to my heart.

He spoke Portuguese, and I didn't- so our conversations were few, but our connection was never defined by words. Instead, we shared smiles, laughter, and moments that didn't need translating. Whether it was a warm chuckle at a family gathering or a gentle look that said, "I see you," he made me feel welcome, accepted, and loved. To Carla, he was everything-her father, her support system, her world. Watching her navigate this loss breaks my heart, and I'm holding her and my step-grandma, Maria Manuela Rufino Goncalves ("Mae"), close through every moment.

He may not have said much in English, but he spoke volumes through his kindness, his laughter, and the love he gave without condition. I'll never forget that, and I'll never forget him.

Obrigado, Pai- thank you for everything. We'll carry your spirit with us always and we will love you forever.

teacherk23A - June 19, 2025 at 09:09 PM

LJ

Condolences to the Family! Mike and Laura Johns

Laura Johns - June 19, 2025 at 10:57 PM