



GOD looked around the garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face. He put  
*His arms around you*  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
For He only takes the **BEST**.  
He knew that you were weary,  
and He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
be well on earth again.  
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
and the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
*Peace be Thine.*

**In Loving Memory Of**

# **Jose Antonio Goncalves**

October 29, 1928

Topo, Sao Jorge, Acores

March 21, 2022

Sioux City, Iowa

**WAKE SERVICE:**

7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 27, 2022

St. Liborius Catholic Church ~ Polo, South Dakota

**ROSARY:** Catholic Daughters

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:**

10:30 a.m., Monday, March 28, 2022

St. Liborius Catholic Church ~ Polo, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. Randy Phillips

**EULOGISTS:** Grandchildren

**LECTOR:** Sue Lammers

**MASS SERVERS:** Micah and Max Martinmaas

**PLACING OF THE PALL:**

Maria Azevedo and Antonio Goncalves

**CASKET BEARERS:**

Brian Adam Azevedo, Kevin George Azevedo,  
Kimberly Ann Azevedo, Manuel DeSeabra Mendes,  
Nathan DeSeabra Goncalves, and Louis Estacio

**MUSICIAN:** Trixie Schlechter

**HYMNS:**

"On Eagle's Wings" "Amazing Grace"

"Ave Maria" "Song of Farewell"

"How Great Thou Art"

**INTERMENT:**

Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery  
Polo, South Dakota

**Jose Antonio Goncalves** was born October 29, 1928 to Joao Antonio Goncalves and Maria Serafina (Oliveria) Goncalves in Topo, Sao Jorge, Acores.

On September 27, 1965, he married the love of his life, Maria Natalia Silveira. To this union they welcomed two children. They settled in Topo, where he farmed for the first two years of their marriage. He then moved to Cabo the Praia, Terceira, Acores to be closer to his parents. He farmed and milked his own cows there.

On April 25, 1974, Jose immigrated to the United States with his family. He settled in the Central Valley of California, where he milked cows for a while and later did landscaping for numerous years. He was an avid gardener who truly enjoyed planting and harvesting some of the most wonderful fruits and vegetables. He always had an overabundance at harvest time and would share with all of his family, friends, and neighbors.

Jose was a very religious man all of his life. He was a long-time parishioner of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Turlock, California and transferred to St. Liborius when he moved to Orient, SD. Praying the rosary every evening together with his family was a normal routine in the household.

In December of 2020, Jose and his wife moved to Elk Grove, California to live with their son Antonio "Tony" for a short while. In May of 2021, they made the move to Orient, SD to live with their daughter Maria, who then became their caretaker.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Maria Esperanca (Joe) Azevedo of Orient, SD and Antonio Alberto (Maria Joao) Goncalves of Elk Grove, CA; five grandchildren: Brian Azevedo, Orient, SD, Kevin Azevedo (Kayce Thomas) of Harrisburg, SD, Kimberly Azevedo of Cincinnati, OH, Manuel Mendes of Elk Grove, CA and Nathan Goncalves (Abigail Mader) of Bellingham, WA; siblings: Maria De Rosario Enes, Modesto, CA, Manuel (Rosa) Goncalves, Cabo Da Praia, Terceira, Acores, Joao (Laurinda) Goncalves, Cabo Da Praia, Terceira, Acores; sister-in-law, Vivelina Goncalves, Cabo Da Praia, Terceira, Acores; godchildren: Jacinta Enes of Modesto, CA, Lucia Silveira of Modesto, CA, and Joe (Amy) Goncalves of Maricopa, AZ; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jose will be welcomed into heaven by his parents, Joao Antonio and Maria Serafina Goncalves; brother, Antonio Goncalves; sister, Madalena da Silva; brothers-in-law: Antonio Venancio da Silva and Manuel Enes; godparents: Antonio Pedro and Laura Soares; and godson, Valdomiro Silveira.

