

Alfredo Roberto Augusto Thot

December 15, 1925 - April 23, 2017

On April 23, 2017, Alfredo passed away peacefully at his home in Ventura, after twenty-one years of suffering from Parkinson's, and later from Macular Degeneration. He was comforted at the moment of death by a caring hospice nurse and Rose, his loving wife of 56+ years.



Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, fourth child of his parents, Johannes and Marta, Alfredo was a happy and energetic boy. His was a close-knit family, although money was often tight. As a young man, Alfredo studied law, but soon gave it up for what he thought was the exciting and promising world of air travel. After a brief stint with a Brazilian airline in Rio, he was recruited by Braniff airlines to work in their Miami office. What followed was a position in New York with Varig, the Brazilian flagcarrier. In New York he also met Rose, who was working for the German airline Lufthansa at the time.

A long career of many years with Pan American World Airlines followed. Pan American was the apex of Alfredo's professional life. He thrived in his role of passenger service supervisor. Fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, German, and English, Alfredo was able to help passengers from all over the world. His life with Pan American was ever-present with him, even after the demise of the airline in 1991. Many times over the years, and after the onset of dementia, he would say that he had to go to the airport and take care of his passengers.

He and Rose were blessed with two children, Iris Thot Johnson (and Dan Johnson) of San Jose, and Norman Thot (and Herta Thotne Fuchs) of Ratingen, Germany, and three grandchildren, Gina, Alex, and Samuel. In Sao Paulo, Brazil he leaves behind his brother Bernardo Thot, many nephews and nieces, and grand nephews.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.