



Helder Botto

May 30, 1951 - November 6, 2021

FITCHBURG: Helder Botto, 70, of Fitchburg, formerly of Leominster and Auburn, died Saturday, November 6, 2021 after losing his battle from Covid 19 at Leominster Hospital. Mr. Botto was born May 30, 1951 and raised in Entroncamento, Portugal. Helder was the son of the late Américo dos Santos Botto and Rosa Henriques and served as a Ranger in the Special Forces of the Portuguese Army before immigrating to the United States in 1975.

Mr. Botto spent 45 years of his career in the wire & cable business and was currently the plant manager at Horizon Wire & Cable Company in Leominster.

Helder excelled as an athlete his entire life. As a young man he played professional handball for Sporting in Portugal. Helder was also a long time coach. He first coached roller hockey and soccer in Portugal and upon immigrating he began coaching soccer in several capacities including: youth, club, elite, Auburn & Montachusett Regional High School and Fitchburg State College. Helder was also an avid cyclist and belonged to many cycling groups in central MA.

He leaves a daughter Monica B. Botto of Cape Cod; daughter Isabella A. Botto and son Dante A. Botto of Fitchburg; two grandchildren, Elliott Peterson and Simona Tanis both of Cape Cod; a nephew, Francisco Botto of Crystal Lake, IL; a niece, Rose Marie Botto St. Germain of Lunenburg; and his former

wife, Bethany L. (Lawrence) Johnson of Hubbardston.

Helder was the youngest of five siblings. He is survived by his sister Laura H. Botto Ferreira of Entroncamento, Portugal. He was preceded in death by his brothers; Manuel Botto of Ashburnham, António H. Botto and José dos Santos Botto both of Portugal.

Mr. Botto's family will receive family and friends at a visitation period Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 1-2:30 PM at the Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. A service of remembrance & reflection will be held at 2:30 PM.

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon St
Fitchburg, MA

A Time of Remembrance

NOV **21**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home
316 Clarendon Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Helder Botto.*



November 16, 2021 at 06:29 AM



“ *My husband and I met Helder in the early 1980's at Wachusett Racquet Club. We had many racquetball matches together. But I won't say who won most of those games! Helder was such a wonderful man. We always enjoyed talking with him. Please accept our deepest sympathies. He will live long in our memories. Jennifer and Joe Safron.*

Jennifer Safron - November 15, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *The news of Helder passing had a significant impact on The Bromfield Soccer Teams. Helder had been running a pre season camp for decades, getting the teams in physical shape and teaching them certain aspects of the game. Throughout the season, he would always follow the team, and was known for his words of wisdom, tactical advice, and a congratulatory message.*

We will all truly miss Helder Botto. The Bromfield Boys Soccer Team will be wearing black armbands in our State Semi Final Game Tuesday night to honor and remember his legacy and the impact he made on so many of our young athletes.

Alex Horne and The Bromfield Boys Soccer Team

Alex Horne - November 15, 2021 at 08:58 PM

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“ *Helder was a great soccer mind and resource for me and my teams; he was an even greater person. God Bless this AWESOME man!!*

Tom Hill

Tom Hill - November 14, 2021 at 02:07 PM



Bethany Johnson

“ *9 files added to the tribute wall*



Bethany Johnson - November 12, 2021 at 06:14 AM

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“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Isabella Botto - November 11, 2021 at 07:58 AM

RO

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Rose - November 11, 2021 at 07:46 AM

BM

“ Helder was an inspiration and a mentor to me as I became a better soccer coach. For nearly 20 years, Helder did an annual pre-season training camp for the Bromfield boys soccer team, to get them started in the right direction every season. We could and we did talk about soccer endlessly, ranging from kid soccer on up through professional clubs and national teams. We all will miss him... Ben Myers

Ben Myers - November 10, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Helder Botto.



November 10, 2021 at 08:06 PM

GM

“ Helder was bigger than life. A kind man always willing to help others. He dedicated thousands of hours sharing his love of soccer with children everywhere. Like many, I was blessed to know him. I will miss him terribly. Prayers for Helder and his family.

Gregg Malone - November 10, 2021 at 02:22 PM