

UDO KANNENBERG... Faithful servant of God!



God says, he who has the Son, has LIFE. For this reason, with a real peace and joy, amidst tears and longing, we celebrate the life of **Udo Kannenberg** and his heavenly homegoing on April 10th, 2017. He was almost 89. Udo and his loving wife, Iolanda, celebrated 66 wonderful years together as best friends and companions on January 20th.



Udo, a very simple, humble man was a people person who loved and helped everyone. He excelled in hospitality and had a great sense of humor (except when opening a live frog that was sent to him gift wrapped... right Iolanda?! ☺) He was also “king” of churrasco (barbecue).



Udo was a hard-working man, a trucker for most of his life. He inherited his first truck after his dad suffered a fatal accident. Udo became a business partner for a bus company called Taioense and later built up his own transport company. Life brought many hardships along the way, one of which was the loss of his company when Brazil went through an economic crisis, but Udo never gave up. He started over with renewed vigor and continued to provide for his family.

Always busy and resourceful, he loved collecting pop cans in his retirement during trips to the beach, sometimes giving the coins to his grandkids. His enthusiasm for life was contagious. Even when he was bedridden, Udo’s positive spirit encouraged us all.

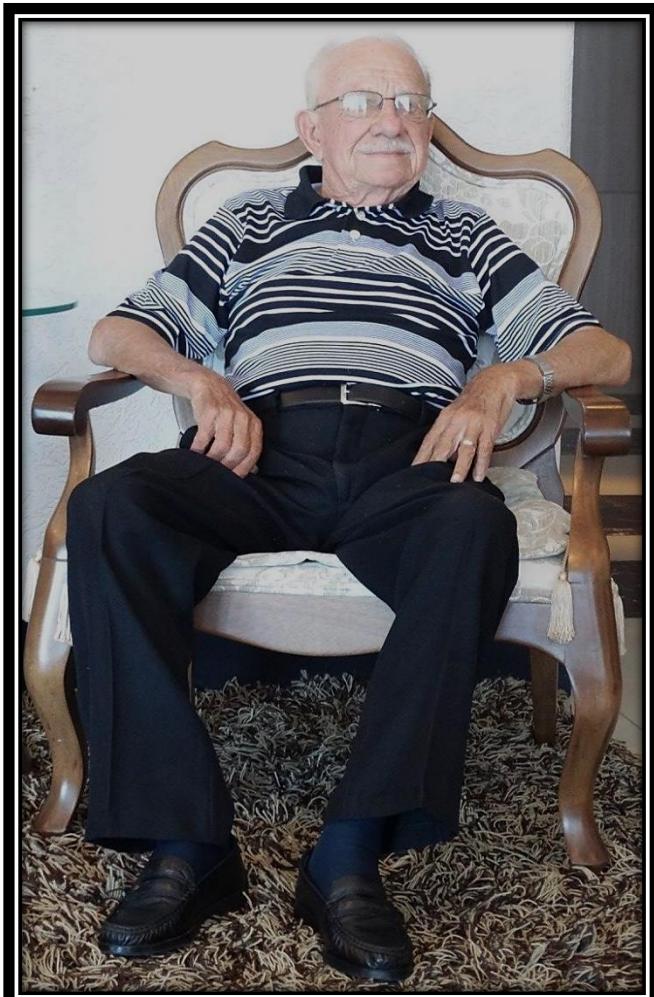


Udo dearly loved the Lord. One of his favorite verses, proudly painted on the bumper of his truck, was **Psalms 119: 105: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”** Udo sought God’s guidance and direction during his daily devotions. Even in his later years, when his eyes could barely focus on the words and his mind had difficulty capturing their meaning, he could be found, sitting on the couch with an open Bible on his lap. With head bowed he would commune with God and honor Him with his worship and praise.

Udo had two main passions; **Serving the Lord and... Family Togetherness.** Extremely outgoing in nature, he faithfully served the Lord for most of his married life arriving at church early every Sunday morning to lovingly and joyfully greet all who came. He loved to participate in the weekly services of the Christian United Evangelical Mission, often inviting others to participate and follow God’s ways.



“Família Reunida” (Family Togetherness) was his constant desire throughout the years. He was always so proud of all his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. A loving husband and father, he dedicated his life to teach Biblical principles to his family through his Godly example, constantly encouraging each one to faithfully love and serve the Lord.



**“We are confident, I say,
and willing rather to be
absent from the body and to be
present with the Lord!
2 Corinthians 5:8**

We will dearly miss him. Life here on earth will never be quite the same, but there is great rejoicing in heaven this day and for all eternity as God welcome's Udo, His son, into His presence and says,

**“Well done my good and
faithful servant!”**

One day we will be reunited with the entire family of God; brothers and sisters in Christ, worshipping and praising God together. Heaven is for REAL. God is all powerful and ever present. Until that day when Jesus comes for His church, we pray that God will continue to use each one of us to spread His love and the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to all nations!

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