

Brazilian humorist, talk show host Jô Soares dies at 84.

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Jô Soares, one of Brazil's most notable humorists and television stars, died early Friday morning in São Paulo. He was 84.

Soares had been hospitalized July 28 for pneumonia, according to Sirio Libanes hospital in São Paulo. It didn't provide the cause of his death in the note published on its website.

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José Eugênio Soares was born in Rio de Janeiro and as a child had wanted to be a diplomat, following the footsteps of his great-grandfather, who also had been governor of Espírito Santo state. Soares spoke five languages (Portuguese, English, French, Italian, and Spanish) at different levels of fluency.

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His first participation in musical films was in 1954, and his television debut came in 1958. He began to write, direct and create characters with his trademark humor. He also wrote books and columns in newspapers, often using his tonic of comedy and irony.

He started hosting talk shows in the late 1980s, and "A kiss from the fat man" became a common catchphrase. He interviewed hundreds of luminaries on his show (...) from 2000 to 2016.

Soares had only one son, Rafael, who died in 2014. At the time, Soares kept working and paid tribute to him on air.

"A kiss from the fat man, and life continues," he said. "Life is, you know, what we came here to do."