



Dr. José A. Quesada-Embid

February 14, 1936 - February 13, 2021

Dr. José A. Quesada-Embid was born on February 14, 1936 in Guardamar del Segura, Alicante, Spain. He was fondly referred to as Pepe by his friends and family. On February 13, 2021, on the eve of his 85th birthday, Pepe passed away in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Dr. Quesada-Embid was a beloved Spanish Language and Culture Professor for over 30 years at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, Maryland. He and his wife, Mary Quesada-Embid, have been residents of Charles County, Maryland since 1972. Pepe truly enjoyed sharing his Spanish language and culture with students and community members alike. The place of his birth, Guardamar, has always held a dear place in his heart. He journeyed there with hundreds of students year after year so that they could enhance their understanding of his culture through experiential learning in an amazing Spanish place.

Over the past few years Pepe dedicated many hours to the preparation of a forthcoming book of poetry regarding his memories, reflections, and insights of Guardamar. He has also been preparing a series of bilingual children's stories based on his experiences of everyday nature in Maryland. Pepe loved listening to classical music on a daily basis. He spent many happy hours at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City with his mother-in-law, Mary H. Chamberlain. In his spare

time, he could be found reading, writing, sauntering his property, and always advocating for the importance of education. He remembered well his pursuits of the highest rank of education at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and always encouraged his children in their studies.

At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his wife Mary, his daughter, Mercedes Quesada-Embid, his son-in-law, Jorge Caballero-Bosada, and two of his grandchildren, Montaña and Río. He is additionally survived by his son, José C. Quesada-Embid, and his two other grandchildren, Martín Paul and Chloe, his daughter-in-law, Patricia Lorente Méndez; as well as his elder sister, Carmen Quesada Andréu; his sister-in-law, Encarnación Maciá Gómez; his nephew, Francisco Manuel Quesada Maciá and family; his grandnephew, Francisco Javier Quesada Maciá and family; his cousins, Maria, Carmen, Antonio and Francisco of the family Rodríguez Quesada; and other cousins-in-law and relatives in the US and Spain. Pepe was preceded in death by his parents, Francisco and Carmen, his brothers, Paco and Manolo, his sister, Rosario, and his niece, Esther.

Pepe cherished spending time with his friends and family – his wife, his sister, his children, and his grandchildren brought him much joy. He was a people-person and his laughter, intellect, and charisma impacted so many throughout his life. He was admired and was a well-respected person.

Pepe balanced his love of people and community with a love of the natural world. He found inspiration spending time outdoors, walking among the trees, identifying and transplanting saplings, and observing birds, deer, and other wildlife. Thus, it seems most fitting to honor his life by linking his memory to elements of live nature.

For those who would like to celebrate his life with something more tangible, the family asks that a tree or grove of trees be planted in his memory <https://s>

hop.arborday.org/trees-in-memory or <https://www.alivingtribute.org/> If, however, flowers are sent, they must be delivered to the church by Friday afternoon, March 19.

The funeral services will be held at St. Ignatius Church Chapel Point, 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677 on Saturday, March 20, 2021. This service will begin with a viewing at 10am, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11am and the interment at the church cemetery immediately thereafter. The funeral procession will leave from Raymond Funeral Service, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646 at 9am for those who wish to take part. Mourners will be asked to follow covid-19 mask-wearing precautions and social distancing protocols.

To send condolences, RSVP, receive reception information, and to communicate other details, please email Mary at [honor.and.celebrate.pepe\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:honor.and.celebrate.pepe@gmail.com).

Cemetery Details

St. Ignatius Catholic Church Cemetery

8855 Chapel Point Road
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignatius Church at Chapel Point
8855 Chapel Point Road
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. José A. Quesada-Embid*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Dr. José A. Quesada-Embid*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Mary, Mercedes, Pepé Jr. and your family,
My sincere condolences to you and all of Pepé's family. Pepe was a
good, robust, joyful, and treasured friend. His happiness,
seriousness, thoughtfulness, and good cheer will be missed. I
remember our many interactions on campus and our shared
dedication to taking students abroad to study the world outside
Southern Maryland. He enriched the lives of countless students and
others. My favorite memory, though, is a simple one. I and my family
encountered Pepé and Mary, serendipitously, many times at Ledo's
in La Plata. We had good chats, mostly about our "kids." Pepé was
always sincerely "glad to see you" and he "made you smile and
laugh." He will be remembered with great fondness and always with
a smile.
Sincerely,
Pablo and the Billeter Family*

Paul Billeter - March 20, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ Dear Mary and family of Dr. Quesada-Embid,

*I am sending my deepest condolences on the passing of Dr. Quesada-Embid. I cherish my very fond memories of traveling to Guardamar and spending six (6) weeks in the summer of 1978 with students studying Spanish language, history, and landscape, while having the time of our lives - in a much simpler era. Mary, you may or may not remember given the time that has passed, but my mother, Emily Coon, worked with you at Glasva Elementary School (or Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School) and she made certain that I had this opportunity by telling me about the trip. It was evident to all that Pepe had a love for Guardamar and he enjoyed sharing this love with others. I always think of this special trip when I have a glass of sangria - we had the very freshest, home made sangria at a family restaurant across from the apartment we all stayed in, and I shall never forget it. Prayers will be lifted for you and your family.
Fondly, Cecelia (Coon) Keller*

John Keller - March 16, 2021 at 06:25 PM