

Dr. Juan Carlos Figueroa Casas



Juan Carlos Figueroa Casas passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on February 17, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his beloved family, after a brave battle with his illness.

He was born on September 10, 1939, in Rosario, Province of Santa Fe. He was the son of Professor Pedro José Figueroa Casas, a pioneering figure and leading teacher of Argentine gynecology.

Juan Carlos earned his medical degree from the Faculty of Medical Sciences in Rosario in 1964.

For one year, he was a fellow at the Centro de Rehabilitación Respiratoria María Ferrer, directed by Professor Aquiles Roncoroni. Between 1965 and 1967, he completed a fellowship at Baylor University in Houston, Texas.

He was full professor of Medical Pathology at the Faculty of Medical Sciences in Rosario, and director of the Pulmonology specialty training at that University.

In addition to his roles as Head of Intensive Care and Pulmonology at the Hospital Centenario in Rosario, he was also in charge of the Department of Respiratory Medicine at the Sanatorio Británico and the Instituto Cardiovascular de Rosario.

He was the author of numerous works in his specialty, which were published in national and international journals; and he was a member of the editorial board of the Chest Journal in the United States.

He was a founding member of the Argentine Society of Intensive Care, which he presided over during 1976; Governor and Regent of the American College of Chest Physicians; and President of the Argentine Association of Respiratory Medicine.

Throughout his career, he had a distinguished role as a speaker at national and international conferences.


Specialized in Intensive Care and Clinical Pulmonology, he was an opinion leader in the field; he pioneered advances in COPD management, and his teachings were embraced by his many disciples.

Juan Carlos dedicated more than 50 years to teaching Pulmonology and Intensive Care, where he inspired thousands of students and physicians with his passion for medicine and his unconditional support.

Retired from his academic and professional activities in recent years, he devoted himself to his family: his seven children –two of whom are distinguished physicians– 22 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Juan Carlos was a kind and considerate man, known for his gentle spirit and generosity. His family, friends, and all who knew him will deeply miss him.

The legacy of his leadership continues to be a beacon of inspiration for all of us who knew him.

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