



## Juan Bautista Londono

December 27, 1932 - January 20, 2025

Juan B. Londoño, a renowned demographer and a man of profound wisdom and wit, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2025, in Orlando, Florida. Born on December 28, 1932, in La Ceja, a picturesque town nestled in the Antioquia region of Colombia, Juan brought joy and laughter to all who knew him.

The seventh of nine children born to Joaquin and Juliana Londoño, Juan grew up surrounded by a vibrant and loving family. His early life was marked by a deep connection to his rural roots. He helped his father tend to livestock, learned to ride horses bareback, and developed a lifelong reverence for nature, tempered by a healthy fear of lightning, snakes, and the spirits of the night. Music was a constant presence in his childhood home, with family members often gathering to play the "tiple" and sing together in the evenings.

His mother's enduring advice, "Son, be good to everyone", profoundly shaped his character and guided his interactions throughout his life.

Juan's academic journey began with studies at the Colegio de los Hermanos Cristianos de La Salle. He later pursued higher education, earning a master's degree in Demography from the University of Chicago.

His professional career was distinguished by groundbreaking work in the field

of demography and social change. He held influential positions with organizations such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), US Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council. His research and innovative programs in family planning had a significant impact on communities across Latin America, Africa, and beyond.

Upon retiring in 2003, Juan dedicated himself to exploring the human condition. He and his wife, Yolanda, relocated to Orlando, Florida, where they spent the last 18 years of his life deepening his understanding of the mind, body, and soul, and seeking pathways to true and lasting happiness and fulfillment.

Juan is survived by his beloved wife, Yolanda; his children, Lina, Juan David, Santiago, Julian, and Andres; his 12 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren; his sisters Sor Cecilia, Lucia and Sor Carlota, many other cherished family members including his brother-in-law Juan Francisco Forero, nieces, nephews and life-long friends.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life is scheduled for January 31, 2025, at 11:00 AM at DeGusipe Funeral Home - West Orange Chapel in Ocoee, Florida.

YouTube livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/h1OLBWsIZwQ?feature=share>

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Apostolado de la Aguja, a charitable foundation established by Juan's family in Colombia:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/decent-housing-for-families-in-uraba-colombia/>



# Tribute Wall



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“ Me viste nacer y yo te vi morir. Me viste crecer y yo te vi disminuir. Al final éramos dos viejos. El uno cayendo al abismo y el otro viéndolo caer. Tus manos me buscaban en las tinieblas y me apretaban las mías, como aferrándote a esta vida. Años atrás te había quitado la marca de El Papá y te empecé a llamar por tu nombre. En verdad, el papel de padre te quedaba pequeño. Eras más interesante como individuo, como hombre, como amigo. Viéndote vivir aprendí a vivir, y viéndote morir aprendí a morir. Haz sido mi guía, mi profesor. Limpiaré tu tumba con mis lágrimas, recorreré tu casa, te identificaré en cada foto. Atisbaré el horizonte por una señal de humo, una mueca, cualquier signo. Esperaré misivas de tus travesías y travesuras en el otro mundo. Tu estampa irreverente animará el más allá. Te burlarás de la seriedad de los ángeles que tocan las liras, te sentarás con ellos a contar chistes verdes en los escalones de la catedral, y apreciarás las ninfas en sus quehaceres cotidianos. Eso sí, a la madrugada, declamarás la misa en latín perfecto con los sacerdotes de antaño y entonarás el Ave María con el coro. Y si te reencarnas, “drop me a line” como dicen los gringos. Te seguiré hasta el infinito por las estrellas, gurú.

-David Londoño

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Juan David Londoño - January 26, 2025 at 09:55 PM

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“ *In Loving Memory of Bau*

*A life well-lived, a heart so true,  
Our Juan, we remember you.  
Through every season, through joy and strife,  
You graced us all with a plentiful life.*

*A father of five, a guide and friend,  
With love that knew no bounds to lend.  
From each of your children, the lessons you gave,  
Shaped lives and hearts, taught us to be brave.*

*Grandchildren and greats, a legacy bright,  
Your love lit their path, a guiding light.  
They carry your spirit, your laughter, your song,  
In them, your essence lives on strong.*

*A man of kindness, wisdom, and grace,  
In every soul, you left a trace.  
You lifted us higher, with joy and care,  
Teaching us all that love is rare.*

*Beloved by many, respected by all,  
Your influence echoing, a timeless call.  
In our hearts, you'll forever reside,  
Our Juan Bau, our joy, our pride.*

*Rest now, dear Juan, your work is complete,  
In the love you've sown, our lives are replete.  
You lived a full life, with courage and cheer,  
And now in our hearts, you'll always be near.*

*-Santiago Londoño*

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Santiago Londoño - January 26, 2025 at 09:53 PM



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