



## Patricio B. Quijada

June 21, 1944 - November 5, 2020

Patricio Quijada was born on June 21, 1944 in Curico, Chile to Alfredo Quijada and Malva Benavides. He attended medical school at the University of Chile (Universidad de Chile) in Santiago.

Patricio moved to the United States with his family in 1973 to pursue his love for surgery. He settled in Orlando and worked at Orlando Health for 42 years. Surgery was his passion, and he loved his colleagues, residents, nurses and patients very much. Throughout his career, he would read into the early hours of the morning in order to assure that he was giving his patients the best care possible.

Outside of work he loved family, snow skiing, tennis, soccer, traveling and sharing great cup of coffee with a bagel.

Patricio Quijada lived life to the fullest every day and pursued all of his dreams without regret.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Monica Quijada, his daughter, Sole and son, Patrick, his son in law Rod and daughter in law Elisa, and his grandchildren David, Alex, Amelia and Lucas. He also had the most amazing group of friends, near and far, that he considered his family. He will be missed dearly.

The Family Kindly Requests that in lieu of Flowers, Donations can be made in Patricio's Memory to: Hogar de Cristo Chile through:  
<https://www.hogardecristousa.org/site/>

# Previous Events

## Catholic Funeral Mass

NOV 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St James Cathedral  
215 N Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

# Tribute Wall

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**Patrick Quijada** - April 13, 2022 at 11:26 AM

HM

“ *Dr. Quijada is the reason I was able to have my son Miles. He was able to remove 2 tumors from my liver while I was in the middle of fertility treatment. After 6 weeks he gave me the go ahead to get pregnant and Miles was conceived by IUI. I didn't work for Orlando Health then and once ran into him at the millennia mall and ran after him like a groupie! He was like a rock star to me. He saved me and then made it possible to have my youngest son. Later, when I worked for Orlando Health, I would see him from time to time and he was always so kind. He would always stop and talk to me. I saw him once and he was very ill. He told me it meant a lot to him that I always told him that he is a savior of my family. I did not know he died and I am very sad to learn this news. He was a tremendous man. I am so grateful for his time on earth. Sending so much love to the Quijada family.*

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**Hilary Sanders McFadden** - June 18, 2021 at 10:23 AM

NV

“ One my best friends at the School of Medicine, Universidad de Chile. We use to attend every sunday soccer games at Estadio Nacional to see University of Chile Soccer Team, the country's best by those years.  
Only good memories. A great human being We will never forget him  
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Nelson A. Vargas MD MPH

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**Nelson A. Vargas** - December 27, 2020 at 05:11 AM

G@

“ I always heard the best of this physician during my long years of service with Orlando Health ; his great service to this community will always be remembered with pride and gratitude

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**Georgina Medina from patient business @O** - December 25, 2020 at 05:11 AM

MP

“ A mentor, a great man and a friend! I will always strive to be as good a surgeon as you!  
You will be missed!  
Manny Perez

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**manuel perez** - November 16, 2020 at 09:39 PM

JS

“ One of the best surgeons I've worked. I will miss him dearly.

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**juan P SuarezMD** - November 16, 2020 at 08:15 PM

 Wanda Jensen

“ I knew Dr Patricio Quijada from ORMC. What a wonderful surgeon and kind person he was to everyone. Very much respected and will truly be missed. Wanda Jensen

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**Wanda Jensen** - November 15, 2020 at 08:12 PM

TB

“ *What a wonderful man and the perfect physician role model for so many. His contributions to patients, colleagues, residents, the Orlando community and Orlando Regional Medical Center are staggering. Thank you Pat for being such a wonderful friend, personal physician and mentor to me.*

*Dr. Tim Bullard*

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**Tim Bullard** - November 13, 2020 at 11:52 AM

MW

“ *More than a cousin, Pato was always another brother for me. I keep lovely and fun memories from our times together as kids in Chile. He also loved my husband Björn. We enjoyed Pato and Mónica's visits to our home in Maryland and Rhode Island, and their company in wedding and birthday celebrations. Even when so unwell he would call to find out how we were doing, and asked for each of our boys by their names. And he was always there when we needed advice or guidance.*

*We will all miss him dearly.*

*Myriam and Björn Wellenius*

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**Myriam and Björn Wellenius** - November 11, 2020 at 11:41 PM

BW

*Still so true. Myriam passed away five months after we posted this message. Family love stays with us all - Björn*

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**Bjorn Wellenius** - May 23, 2023 at 03:08 PM

CG

“ *Patricio Quijada was a surgeon's surgeon, but most of all he was a proud father, grandfather and husband. Many Orlando physicians knew they and their families were safe in his care and sought his advice and guidance. He helped train many surgeons and had knowledge and expertise gained through years of study and dedication. He took care of both me and my dear mother with a gentleness seldom seen in bedside manner. Monica and Patricio first our friends then became family and it was then I got to know him as a father, husband and grandad. One of his proudest moments was when Sole, their daughter, married in Chile and many of us , their friends from Orlando, went to the wedding and got to know his wonderful friends in Santiago and Curicó, Chile. He , Monica and friends welcomed us with a warmth I have seldom felt. When you became his friend it was forever. He had a modern mind and an old fashioned gentlemanliness. Life is temporary , we are all preparing for eternity. Patricio and his loving family know well how to live loving others and giving of themselves to make this a better world. May he be richly blessed by God.*

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**Carmen Boudet Gomez** - November 10, 2020 at 01:28 PM

SS

“ *Pat Quijada was the nicest surgeon, best teacher and kindness human being. I will never forget my days scrubbing w him and also being one of his patient. Rip and dance in heaven. Sally SchmidtHarter*

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**Sally Schmidt** - November 09, 2020 at 09:29 PM

KZ

“ *He was a wonderful and kind man! He will truly be missed! My condolences to his family 🙏*

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**Karen Zecca** - November 09, 2020 at 04:11 PM

