



Rafael Gerardo Arespacochaga

January 18, 1933 - June 20, 2017

Rafael Gerardo Arespacochaga (1933-2017) passed away on Tuesday evening, June 20, 2017 after battling cancer. He was surrounded by his devoted family at his home in Mooresville, NC. Rafael was born in Madrid, Spain on January 18, 1933, to Juan de Arespacochaga and Purificación Reguero de Arespacochaga. He attended the National Military Academy of Spain and graduated as a Lieutenant. He followed his heart to the United States in 1964, and married the love of his life, residing in New York for over 40 years. He had a successful career in international banking; work that he enjoyed immensely and through which he formed many wonderful friendships across the globe. In retirement, he traded in snow shovels for gardening tools, and moved to North Carolina. He "played engineer" at his mountain house, building ponds and water gardens, planting orchards and vegetable gardens, and enjoyed spending time with his two grandsons. Never a stranger in any room, he made friends wherever he went, and was eager to share his love of good food, conversation and his joy in nature. Family was everything to him; he was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers in Spain. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Filomena (Papa) Arespacochaga; his daughters, Elisa Arespacochaga (Ben Brighoff) of Chicago, IL; Cristina Perry, (Josh) and grandsons Nicolas and Tomas. He will be missed by his extended family in Spain, where he was a constant support to his two sisters-in-law, and a father figure to his many nieces and nephews who lost their father at a young age.

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“ *Rafael Gerardo Arespacochaga*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Rafael Gerardo Arespacochaga*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Rafael Gerardo Arespacochaga*

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“ *Rest In Peace , Rafael. Thank you for all career advice. You will be missed*

Barbara Baltar - May 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Querida familia, lo siento tanto. Con todo nuestro cariño. Marianne Coffinet & Sebastian Thurner*

Marianne Coffinet - June 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM