

Anesthesiology, held in Natal. The option of adopting him as my guru. Several chats with lots of whisky and pomegranate.

The trust of being anesthetized by him, as well as my daughter. The recall of a highly skilful negotiator who, together with some few, would have sleepless nights discussing. Or by telephone advice, scheming the steps to be followed during several moments of crisis in our association.

He used to say: "this time it is up to you", but when the day broke, there he was pulling the strings.

The expressions friend and warrior derive from we having seen and shared almost everything.

Those who shared his most absolute intimacy have not heard what I heard: "You know what? I am not suffering, I am starting to miss things..."

Because you also die at every moment, of everything: of love, happiness, boredom, sadness and yearning.

Only the Gods will not feel these things because they are immortal.

The poet teaches: there is a little left from everything; there is a little left from an empty cigarette pack; a little of your chin is left in your

daughter's chin; in the china saucer, the broken dragon; almost nothing was left from his rough silence.

But the dead do not die. They are like us, selfish, just taking care of their interests and being enchanted, just to remain alive in our minds, affection and love.

Yes, we die, but from a now unlimited, continuous yearning, able of any shape and color.

I would have more to tell, much more because man's days are the days of time. Since that inconceivable first day of time when a terrible God has prefixed days and agonies, to that other day when the ubiquitous river of time will return to its source, which is Eternity, and what is now mine will be erased in the present, the future, the yesterday.

Rest in peace, my good friend!

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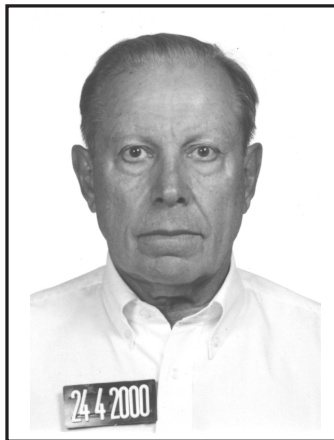
## João José de Cunto

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Formado na primeira turma da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo de Ribeirão Preto no ano de 1957, desde o quarto ano já se dedicava a Anestesiologia. Desde sua formatura, exerceu a especialidade no Hospital São Francisco de Ribeirão Preto, sendo sua presença fundamental para que se formasse um núcleo de anestesiolistas que mais tarde possibilitou a criação do Centro de Ensino e Treinamento do Hospital São Francisco e Hospital Santa Lydia de Ribeirão Preto - CET/SBA.

Dr. de Cunto, como era carinhosamente chamado por todos, tinha verdadeira paixão pela anestesia condutiva em pediatria, sendo tema de seu doutoramento na UNICAMP em 1974, sob o título "Anestesia raquidea em pediatria", motivo também de vários trabalhos como autor e co-autor. Profissional que irradiava alegria e esperança a todos que com ele trabalhavam, sempre gostou de desafios, sua presença entre nós nas horas mais difíceis da especialidade era sinônimo de um porto seguro, certeza de que quando tudo parecia perdido, de Cunto aparecia com uma saída, adquirida nos longos anos de prática na especialidade. De sua presença junto aos médicos em especialização todos tinham sua atenção e recebiam sua orientação prática, gratidão que se traduzia mais tarde por inúmeras manifestações de carinho e admiração quando dos encontros da nossa especialidade. Nos anos 70, estudou com afinco o aperfeiçoamento dos sistemas fechados para anestesia inalatória, usando o respirador do Dr. Kentaro Takaoka, como parte integrante do circuito. Por este feito foi homenageado com o título de Sócio Benemérito da Clínica de Anestesia de São Paulo. Em 28 de junho de 1983 recebeu o Título de Especialista em Anestesiologia. Todos nós seus colegas de equipe, estamos sentindo muito a sua falta, nossos locais de trabalho se tornaram menos alegres, mas temos uma certeza, onde quer que você esteja, ficou um pouco mais alegre.

De seus colegas, irmãos e esposa, nosso muito obrigado pela oportunidade de ter convivido e aprendido com você.



Graduated with the first group of the School of Medicine, University of São Paulo, Ribeirão Preto, in 1957, he was dedicated to Anesthesiology since his fourth year. He worked in Hospital São Francisco, Ribeirão Preto, since his graduation and his presence was crucial for the development of an anesthesiologists group which later gave rise to the Teaching and Training Center of Hospital São Francisco and Hospital Santa Lydia, Ribeirão Preto - CET/SBA.

Dr. de Cunto, as people would kindly call him, had a true passion for pediatric conduction anesthesia, which has been his doctorate thesis in UNICAMP in 1974, under the title "Spinal anesthesia in pediatrics", in addition to several papers as author and co-author. Professional irradiating happiness and hope to those working with him, he has always enjoyed challenges. His presence among us in difficult specialty times was synonym of a safe port, the certainty that when everything seemed lost, de Cunto would come with a solution acquired along several years of practice in the specialty. All physicians in specialization deserved his attention and would receive his practical guidance. Their gratitude was later translated into several manifestations of care and admiration during our specialty meetings. In the 70s, he has deeply studied the improvement of inhalational anesthesia closed systems, using Dr. Kentaro Takaoka's ventilator as integral part of the circuit. For this achievement, he was granted the title of Meritorious Member of the Anesthesia Clinic of São Paulo. In June 28, 1983, he was granted the Title of Specialist in Anesthesiology. All your team members are missing you a lot; our working places are no longer so happy, but we are sure that, whenever you are, this place has become a little happier.

From your colleagues, siblings and wife, our thank you for the opportunity of living and learning with you.

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