



Farewell to Herman Schargrodsky

Through these brief words I have been honored by the Argentine Society of Cardiology to farewell one of its memorable members: the ineffable Buby Schargrodsky.

I was among those who shared a lifetime with him. I met him when I entered my residency in cardiology at *Hospital Italiano* and shared with him many years in the ward treating patients and training residents. Buby was part of the leadership in the organization and management of the great department of cardiology inspired by Raúl Oliveri, who incorporated all the figures that made up the founding team; the cornerstone of all that came later.

In the academic area, Buby devoted himself to the field of epidemiology and developed important national and international studies, which resulted in many publications that placed the department and the Society in a high position.

Buby was a man of ideological and political convictions solidly grounded in theory and practice and,

although my beliefs were completely opposed to his, this was never an obstacle to engage in meaningful dialogs.

In his personal life he was very much loved at all levels; he had an endless collection of anecdotes and his *viveza criolla* was remarkable. He loved tango, literature and Boca Juniors.

A major contribution in his last years was the promotion of the fight against tobacco, both in the hospital and in the Society.

As a summary of his passage through life and profession, I would say that one could agree or disagree with Buby, be his friend or engage in harsh debates with him, but one could never ever ignore him.

A man who left his mark and contributed with his imprint to an era

So long, Buby.

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