



Guy Andrew Baldassarre

February 14, 1953 - August 20, 2012

Guy Andrew Baldassarre February 14, 1953 - August 20, 2012 Guy Andrew Baldassarre, 59, of Tully, New York, passed away peacefully from complications due to chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) on Monday, August 20, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. Guy received his Bachelors Degree from University of Maine-Orono, his Masters Degree from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and his PhD from Texas Tech University. He was a Distinguished Teaching Professor at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for 25 years, where he specialized in ornithology and wildlife management. He was a Fellow of the American Ornithologists Union and recent recipient of the Wetlands Conservation Achievement Award in Research/Technology from Ducks Unlimited. Guy is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 30 years, the former Eileen Quinlan; two sons Daniel of Ithaca, New York and Adam of Glendora, California; two sisters, Lydia Baldassarre of Wyckoff, New Jersey and Patricia Birchem of Wakefield, Massachusetts; two brothers Marshall of Bedford, New Hampshire and Andrew of Bloomfield, Connecticut; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves behind a legacy of hundreds of successful undergraduate and graduate students that he mentored over the years. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, August 24, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at St. Patricks Church in Otisco, New York where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Calling hours will be held Thursday, August 23, 2012 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane,

LaFayette, NY 13084. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Guy may be sent to: 6th Floor, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445. Please make checks payable to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute with CLL Research: Dr. Jennifer Brown in the memo line.

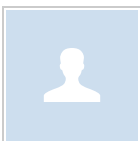
Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Guy Andrew Baldassarre*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eileen,*
I received my TTU Alumni Directory today, 18 Oct 14 and discovered Guy's passing. I owe a debt of gratitude to him as he mentored me as an undergraduate at TTU. I shot many a duck and picked up many kernels of corn in the many fields of the Panhandle of Texas as he was conducting thesis work. He, the \"Aussie\", Dave (?), and I had great times!! Having lost contact with Guy, I often thought about him over the years, his energy and wit! Not getting into Medical School, I opted to join the military, enlisted, went off to Officer Candidate School, and was commissioned as an Officer, going to flight school. I flew Black Hawks for 23 years before retiring in 2007, and moving to Phoenix, AZ to begin my second career. I thank Guy for his professionalism, leadership, and friendship that helped mold a \"young\" mind.

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October 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just discovered that Guy had passed away while searching people from my past. Guy was a grad. student at UWSP when I was a soph. in wildlife bio.. He always made the labs fun and was a great guy to be around. I still have some great memories of him. My deepest sympathy to your whole family for his loss.*

January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *My most sincere condolences. Guy was a wonderful mentor, teacher, and friend. He was always there with a heartfelt hug and surplus of advice. I will remember his great sense of humor and devotion to his students. He will be missed.*

September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Eileen-*

I am so sorry to hear of Guy's passing. I know from our conversations that Guy had a life filled with the love of his family, joy in his work and respect of others.

*I'm thinking of you
Barb*

September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the Baldassarre family, I'm glad that I was able to attend the memorial service for Guy last week. Despite the sadness, it was truly a celebration of who he was and all that he did - thank you for that! I enjoyed working with Guy on a variety of studies over the past 25 years, and his passion and enthusiasm for waterfowl research and management was always an inspiration for me. I'm thankful that I had a chance to work with him on some great studies, and hope that we can find a way to make a lasting tribute for all that he did for waterfowl and wetlands conservation. Best wishes to you all in this difficult time.

August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Baldassarre's passing. I was incredibly fortunate to have taken Ornithology this past Spring semester with Dr. Baldassarre, and he has forever changed the way I look at birds and nature, just as he promised us he would. Whenever I go birding, I will think of him and be grateful for his mentorship. My deepest sympathies for the Baldassarre family.

August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Eileen,

It has been a while since we last saw each other, but we have many fond recollections of our family's adventures with you all at Cranberry Lake, the Yucatan and around Tully. We will always cherish the memory of Guy's energy, humor and enthusiasm in everything he did. He was an inspiration to Luke to become a professor because he saw how much he enjoyed the academic life! His love for the outdoors and birds was infectious. He will be deeply missed.

Kim and Luke

August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Baldassarre Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Guy was a mentor and friend. He helped jumpstart my career and many other students. As a professor, I have grown to truly appreciate the time and effort he took with his students and the patience he had with us all. He leaves a huge professional legacy.

-Karen Gaines ESF'92

August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Eileen

I was saddened to hear of Guy's illness and passing. It has been many years since you moved into the neighborhood but I remember the times of laughter and our Mexico trip . My prayers are with you now.

Cindy

August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



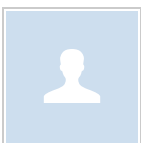
“ *I was very saddened to hear of Guy's passing. He was a great mentor during my time at ESF and Cranberry Lake. He believed in me and encouraged me to continue my education, using his connections to help me get started. I will remember him with great respect and admiration.*

August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Deaer Baldassarre Family,*
I was shocked when I heard of Guy's illness and passing. I was a student in his Wildlife Ecology class in 2005, and Ornithology in 2006. Guy was one of my best professors and I respected him greatly. His humor and personality in the classroom definitely had an impact on my ESF career. Outside the classroom he was one of the greatest human beings on campus. He was an advisor, a teacher, and mentor, an inspiration, and a friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathy to Eileen and the rest of the Baldassarre family for the lost. May He rest in perfect peace with the Lord.*

August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss!! Dr. Baldassarre was a wonderful teacher at ESF. I was a graduate student at ESF in 2000-2001. I loved his wildlife management class!!! He inspired me to think differently and I will never forget him!!

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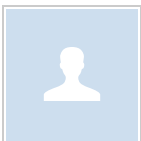


“ Dear Eileen, sons and the entire Baldassarre Family,

I was so saddened to hear about Guy's illness and passing. When I was at ESF he always brought a bit of sunshine with him wherever he went. He was a very thoughtful person with a great sense of humor. I haven't heard from him in a while but it was very clear in his emails that he was so very proud of his family.

May you find comfort in knowing that he will always watch over you and that we are all praying for you.

August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Eileen, Dan & Adam

Guy had a great life. He had a terrific family, lots of good friends and colleagues and work that he loved and was passionate about. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Guy's sudden death. We did not know he was ill and are very saddened. Prayers go out to your family. Thinking of you all.

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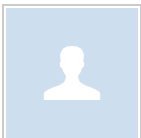
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“ I am very sorry for your loss. My husband, Mike, and I were both students of Guy's in 2004-2005. He is one of our favorite professors and we have definitely thought of him often since then. We fondly think of his wild hair, crazy driving and passion for wildlife. My strongest connection to wildlife is to birds, and that is because of Guy. He will be missed.
Kind regards, Nora and Mike Cunha

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“ I did not know Guy particularly well, but did meet him several times and had a number of mutual friends. From that, it was clear to me that Guy was one of those one-in-a-million that can touch so many lives. I especially enjoyed his excellent sense of humor and "bigger than life" personality -- always a pleasure to be around, and absolutely infectious. He will be missed, and my heart goes out to his entire (and very large) circle of family and friends.

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Eileen and family,
My deepest sympathy for you all. This is a terrible loss and Guy will
be greatly missed by EFB. Remember God is with you.*

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Eileen and Sons,*

*I was shocked and saddened to hear of Guy's passing. Guy was
always very polite and appreciative of everything I did for him while
working at ESF/EFB. I remember on my last day at EFB, before
moving here to Massachusetts, he brought me in a bouquet of
flowers. I was truly touched. Guy was a devoted teacher and highly
respected by his students and peers. Please take comfort in
knowing he is now at peace and no longer in pain. Again, I am so
sorry for the huge void he has left in your family, at ESF, and in the
world.*

Sincerely,

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Baldassarre Family,*

It is with great sadness that we learned of Guy's death. He was a professor and mentor to us both during our time at ESF. After graduation he was always available to provide advice and guidance whenever he was asked. He took a genuine interest in our careers and could always be counted on to answer questions and provide insight into any problem. His ability to sum up any situation quickly and efficiently and his willingness to speak his mind were admirable. Our hearts and prayers go out to you during this time of loss. He will be missed by many.

Paul and Sheila Hess

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dr. Baldassarre was one of my committee members when I was working on my master's degree. He was a breath of fresh air when I had him as an undergraduate, too - so different from the rest of our professors, who were more "old school." I remember him fondly, and extend my condolences to the family.*

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“ *I am so upset to hear about Guy. He was both my advisor and professor at ESF. He was such a unique and intelligent individual who had a passion for everything that he did. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

I first met Guy at the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy when I was there with my yellow Labradors to demonstrate at Duck Day. I enjoyed my time with him over the weekend's festivities. A great time.

Later we shared numerous e-mails in the past year or two as he was writing sections on Canada geese and mute swans for the new book Ducks, Geese, and Swans of North America.

He was a good friend and will be missed.

*Larry Hindman
Waterfowl Project Leader
Maryland DNR*

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies for your loss. I am very sad to hear this news. Guy was a truly wonderful graduate advisor. He was kind, intelligent, honest, and always very encouraging, supportive, and enthusiastic. Guy taught me so much, not only during the years I was at ESF, but also afterwards as I pursued my career. He was always so enthusiastic and happy when talking about his family and the accomplishments of his boys. In recent years he gave me some great advice and perspective on raising my two boys! I will always be grateful for the time I spent with Guy.*

*My thoughts are with you,
Heidi (Bogner) Kennedy*

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Guy. Truly an expert in the field, full of life and a passion you don't always see today. His memory will remain in our hearts forever.*

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Adam,
I just wanted to send my condolences to you and your family. I remember the first time we met you at the Double A's game in Auburn. You mentioned that your dad was an expert in birds. I was thrilled because I always wondered why those flamingos were that gorgeous salmon color. You phoned up your dad ,and he answered it immediately,and put my wonder to rest. I thought that was wonderful,that he took the time to do that. I and our family are sorry for your loss,we send our prayers.
The Sikorski's*

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dan, I was so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Please know how sad I am for you & your family. Nancy Lilly*

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Eileen, I so very sadden to learn of Guy’s passing, and wish to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I will be forever grateful for Guy’s friendship and humor in the field during our sampling events in Castro County, Texas some 30 years ago. During our time at Tech, Guy could always be counted on to lift spirits and provide encouragement to his fellow grad students. His wit, endurance, steadfastness’ and of course his intellect will be missed by all that knew him. I promise to pray for you and your family; may God bless you always.

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“ Eileen and family - Guy had a special way of making me laugh, not just smile. I will miss seeing him coming in the office wearing his "it's a Guy thing" t-shirt. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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“ My sympathies to your family. Guy was my former advisor at SUNY-ESF. His passion for wildlife and it’s management started me on my path and I often think of back on the advice he offered my in the past to make current decisions in my life. He was not only a wonderful teacher but also a friend in times of need. I am sorry for your loss.

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“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. My ythoughts are with all of you.

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“ To The Baldassarre Family,

My condolences for your loss. Dr. Baldassarre was my undergrad advisor and a personal mentor. I briefly considered quitting school and left for a semester. It's because of him that I remained in school and received my degree. That was a huge moment in my life and affected everything that has happened since. I often look back at that moment thanking god I made the right decision and in no small part it was because of his tutelage.

Class of 00"

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“ Dear Baldassarre Family,

I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Guy. I had him as a professor and he was one of the reasons I chose ESF as part of my career path. His passion for conservation and the environment was very apparent in his teaching and his life. Please accept my deepest sympathies in this hard time. He will surely be missed and has left a lasting legacy as a great conservationist and professor, impacting many young lives.

*Elizabeth Sikorski
ESF '12*

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“ *Baldassarre Family,
Guy Will Be Truly Missed Up Here On Curtain Rd. His morning walk
with
his 4 legged companion while we waited for the bus.. or his
afternoon stroll.. to return looking like a snowman covered in snow:).
His guidance this past
November while we were purchasing.. our coal burning wood
stove.. Guy we
will remember you with Great Fondness As We Warm Our Home
This Winter ..
and We'll Miss Seeing You Walk By On Your Dailey Strolls.. Fondly
Kim & Greg*

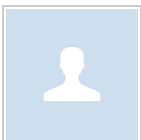
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“ *Dr. Baldassarre was such an inspirational person. I will never forget
him or the impact that he has had on my life as a person and
scientist. There are few teachers and mentors in this world like him.
I send my deepest condolences to his family, the University, and to
all his students.*

Shelby Sturgis

August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so very sorry to read of your loss of Guy. I worked in
Purchasing at SUNY ESF and knew Guy from working with him.
Guy was a wonderful person. I know he will be deeply missed. My
deepest sympathy of the loss to Guy's family.*

August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ To the legacy of hundreds of successful undergraduate and graduate students that Guy mentored over the years, you can add the numerous professional colleagues that benefitted greatly from his tireless scholarly work. I am one of those. My deepest sympathy for loss.

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“ My sincerest condolences to the loss of a great man. I knew Guy as an undergrad at ESF and always remember him smiling. He was so kind and helpful and his passion was contagious. This always struck me considering the aires that are usually portrayed in a university setting. He has touched so many and made such a difference!

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Guy's passing, please know that you are all in my thoughts as you go through this difficult time. I greatly enjoyed his classes, and he was a fantastic advisor to me during my time there. He will truly be missed!

Jeremy Taylor
ESF '97

August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Baldassarre Family,*

We grieve with you in your tremendous loss of this special man. He fought a most courageous battle. We feel like we knew Guy well through the many touching stories told by his most loving and devoted brother Andrew. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all throughout.

Love,

Walter and Vee Zagrobski

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“ *I took several courses under Guy Baldassarre including a graduate level class focused on ornithology. This was my first experience with a true birder. We spent a number of occasions loading up in a van and heading to Montezuma or a grand tour to observe large-scale migrations...his passion and knowledge for waterfowl is something that I will never forget.*
I am so sorry to hear this news.

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“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the Baldassarre family. Guy was one of my professors when I attend ESF to receive my Bachelor's Degree. He was a fantastic teacher and a great person. I was shocked to hear of his passing and I was unaware he was battling leukemia. I will always remember him and he will be deeply missed.*

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“ I was very saddened to learn of Guy's passing today from a mutual friend here in Yucatán, Rodrigo Migoya. I remember Guy's great enthusiasm for his research here in Yucatán and he was always so very generous with sharing his knowledge. At one of his lectures for the local conservationists he made a statement that I had not heard before and which has helped me to better interpret information from the field. He provided an example of how an extraordinary abundance of birds in an area not previously recorded should not be always accepted as a good thing. Quite the opposite - it very likely could mean that something was amiss elsewhere and we should look for the problem.

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“ Dr. Baldassarre was one of my favorite professors at Syracuse ESF. I took two ornithology classes with him and would have taken more if I had the time. He was the only one to encourage me to go to graduate school. His classes and field trips were always enjoyable, entertaining and educational. He was a one-of-a-kind guy and I'll miss him. My sincere condolences to his family.
ESF '04

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“ Our deep sympathy is with you all at this time of loss. We remember Guy well from our time at SUNY-ESF and seeing him at TWS conferences. He was always interested in how we were both doing in our professional careers. We hope that the memories you have of him will carry you through these sad times and stay with you always.

Take care of each other, Jocelyn and Bill

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“ We were saddened to hear of Guy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go to all of the family.

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“ Professor Baldassarre was such an inspiration to me during my time at ESF. I took his ornithology course. His enthusiasm was infectious, and he not only inspired me to want to learn more about birds, but he continually encouraged and challenged me. When I took his course, I was pregnant with my son. He gave me valuable advice one day about raising boys, advice that I've taken to heart and never forgotten. I could tell in the way he spoke how much he had enjoyed raising his children. He was such a wonderful man who touched so many lives. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Baldassarre family.

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“ What a terrible loss. I worked with Guy on several projects and found him to be a man of great integrity. My condolences to the family.

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“ We want you all to know although we cannot be with you in person, we send our love and prayers to you all. We know you will gain the strength needed to get through this difficult period from the love and memories you shared as a family who love each other dearly. We send our love and deepest sympathy to you, Eileen and your two wonderful sons, to Marshall and Andrew and to Lydia and Patricia.

Guy was a special man and will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Marilyn and Peter Flynn, Bedford, NH

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“ Guy was not only my mentor and undergraduate advisor at ESF over 10 years ago, he made a significant difference in my life and my career, and in the lives of so many others. My memories of Guy's passion and guidance will remain with me forever.

Thank you Guy, you will be missed.

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“ Eileen and all of Guy's family, I cannot tell you what an honor it was to know Guy, and how much my spirits lifted when I heard his voice on the other end of the phone. His hard work on, and dedication to, his book were simply inspirational. But it was the friendship he extended to me, and the way he spoke so well of so many, especially his family, that told me the most about Guy. He was real. And passionate. And positive. And so many other qualities that are too many to mention. I miss him, and will hold the moments we shared in my fondest memories.

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“ I'm sorry to hear about Guy's passing. He was one of my favorite professors at ESF. I'll never forget the lessons I learned in Ornithology. I wouldn't be where I am today without them. Dr. Baldassarre always gave 100 percent to his students. Even if it meant having the entire class over to his house for the night because some of them hadn't seen "The Godfather." Dr. Baldassarre's legacy will live on in birders and wildlife professionals that he has educated.

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“ Eileen, Adam, and Dan, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you during this painful time. Guy touched so many lives throughout his career and I am proud to say that Guy was my mentor and graduate advisor. It has been more than 20 years since I graduated from ESF and Guy's enthusiasm and guidance remains with me today. He made a difference during his life and his career. He will be missed.

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“ Eileen, Dan, & Adam, and all of the Baldassarre clan, please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of you beloved husband, father, brother, and uncle. Guy was truly a wonderful person, with compassion and appreciation for others. In the occasions when we were fortunate to meet him, we were touched by his gentle nature and good humor. God bless you all and give you strength in this difficult time.

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Guy was a fantastic professor and person. He was my adviser for my undergraduate years at ESF and he helped me figure out what I wanted to do as a career. His support and guidance during those years means so much to me. My deepest condolences.

*Ben Klein
SUNY-ESF 2003*

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“ Deepest sympathy from CNY Wildfowlers Association.

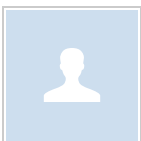
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“ Eileen, Dan, Adam,

I spent alot of quality time with Guy as a boy and will always remember him as a special cousin and person. So many years have passed but I will always cherish those memories.

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“ Dr. Baldassarre was always an inspiration. He will be missed.

Beth Ann Arthur

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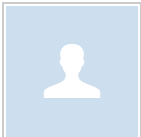
“ *La familia Bueno-Abreu desea expresar el mas sincero pesame a Eileen, Dan y Adam, por la ida a destiempo de Dr. Guy, un gran ser humano a quien Dios nos dio la oportunidad de conocer. Que descanses en paz Amigo.*

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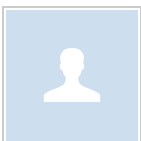
“ *I, unfortunately, did not know Guy, but have worked closely with Dan at the Lab of O and know how close he was to his father. My deepest sympathies to you, Dan, and to your whole family at this time of painful loss. Guy was clearly an amazing person and its wonderful to read the tributes from family, students and friends. He touched many, many lives.*
Laura

August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences on your lost. Guy was a great professor. He made every class with him special. I am glad I had the chance to know him.*

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“ *So sorry for your loss! Dr. Baldassarre was a great professor and he will be missed.*

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