

A tribute to Haydée Guanais Dourado

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Brazilian Nursing lost one of their illustrious personalities who made our history. We pay our tribute to Dr. Haydée Guanais Dourado who passed on the last April 11, with her 90 years-old.

Dr. Haydée was born in Bahia State, concluded her graduation in Nursing and PhD at Ana Nery Nursing School in Rio de Janeiro, where she also worked as professor, having dedicated herself both to teaching and research in Ethics, History and Legislation areas.

She was associated to ABEn (Brazilian Nursing Association) since 1944, participating with distinction in congresses organization, in sessions expansion, in the fight for legislation in nursing category, in the investigation of nursing needs across the country, and also in countless other activities.

As a nurse and later as a journalist, she was Head and Editor-in-chief of the Revista Brasileira de Enfermagem (REBEn) during more than four decades, having contributed for its development as a dissemination organ of the Brazilian Nursing.

By the 70th anniversary of REBEn, it was published in Volume 55, Number 3, a paper entitled "*Haydée Guanais Dourado: charism and personality in service for an ideal*", whose authors were Leda Alencar Barreira and Suely Baptista. This paper more than a description is a deep analysis of this outstanding nurse, who deserves to be pointed out at this moment, in order to keep alive in memory her courage and determination in the fight for an ideal in which she believed.

As REBEn's editor for the period 2004-2007, I felt proud in continuing the magnificent work started by Haydée Guanais Dourado. We hope to walk in the trail that she opened and signed for us.

Thank you Dr. Haydée!