



Margarita "Margo" de Quesada

October 1, 1926 - April 28, 2026

Margarita (Margo) de Quesada passed away peacefully at her home on April 28, 2026. She had a long and well-lived life filled with laughter and beauty.

A child prodigy, Margarita began playing piano at the age of 4 under the tutelage of her grandmother, a former concert pianist from Barcelona, Spain. At the age of 9, she began to study classical guitar, the instrument that would later define her musical career. Margarita graduated from Conservatorio de Musica Rafols with a major in voice. She performed opera from a young age as well as being active in musical theater.

Margarita and her husband Armando fled the communist government in Cuba and made a daring escape to Canada in November 1963. In 1964 they settled in Decatur, where they had friends, and quickly became active members of the community and of St. Ann Church. They both became proud American citizens.

Margarita taught for 39 years at Calhoun Community College and founded the Calhoun Guitar Ensemble, which performed widely. She also taught at various fine arts schools. She had great love for her students and mentored promising guitarists. She remained active in music for decades and befriended other musicians including Anthony Glise, who acknowledged Margarita in the foreword to his textbook. Margarita was active in music at Annunciation

Church for a number of years.

Known for her warmth and kindness, Margarita had a great love of life. Besides her passion for music, she loved animals and nature. Her children knew stray animals brought home would never be turned away.

Margarita is preceded in death by her husband Armando and her son, also Armando. She is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and two siblings.

Visitation is at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026 at Annunciation of the Lord Church, followed by a funeral service at 3 p.m.

Shelton Funeral Home had the Honor of assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Midway Memorial Gardens

3740 Co Rd 434
Moulton, AL 35650-8013
(256) 974-9449

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Annunciation of the Lord Catholic Church
Spring Avenue
Decatur, AL 35603

Funeral

MAY 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Spring Avenue
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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Margarita was a wonderful teacher and friend. I was her teacher's assistant in the early 2000's while I studied guitar with her at Calhoun. I cherished our friendship and she was a great mentor. Rest easy beautiful soul.

Mike Slaten - May 04 at 09:44 AM

RF

“ Ruly, Ana and family. Susie and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



Ruly, Ana and family. Susie and Family - April 30 at 05:59 PM

YF

“ Yuly, Emy, Isa, Carlos, Mindy y familia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



Yuly, Emy, Isa, Carlos, Mindy y familia - April 30 at 05:12 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



April 30 at 02:44 PM

NE

“ Nick and Eileen purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



Nick and Eileen - April 30 at 02:06 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



April 30 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ The Nelson Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



The Nelson Family - April 30 at 01:15 PM

PC

“ May the Lord keep Margarita and her family in our prayers. Always a good friend to everyone. Pedro and Paulette Carulo

Pedro Carulo - April 30 at 12:44 PM

VL

“ Mrs DeQuesada was truly one of the sweetest, and a most talented lady that I have ever known. She taught my brother at Calhoun College and later my son in classical guitar. They had so much love and respect for her. To her family, you were blessed with the best. Sending love and sympathy to each of you.

Vicki Gover Linley - April 30 at 11:53 AM

JQ

“ John Scroggins and Rebecca de Quesada purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.



John Scroggins and Rebecca de Quesada - April 30 at 10:48 AM

JQ

“ John Scroggins and Rebecca de Quesada planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margarita "Margo" de Quesada.

John Scroggins and Rebecca de Quesada - April 30 at 10:48 AM

KH

“ Most gracious beautiful lady. She had a true warmth and caring beneath her beautiful smile. She showed nothing but caring and love toward mine and Lazaro's children. Both myself and my children loved and respected Margarita..as they did Armando and all the de Quesada family. May the love and comfort of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

KAY Mesa Hart - April 29 at 05:34 PM

PJ

“ So many beautiful memories, loved her smile and laughter.

patsy jones - April 29 at 12:36 PM