



Raymundo Edson de Araujo Leitão

(July 28, 1920 – February 22, 2023, age 102)

Raymundo Edson de Araujo Leitão, renowned Brazilian physiatrist, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. His long life is full of personal and professional achievements.

He was born in Camocim (CE), was married to Mrs. Sleyda, and had three children, the last of which, Ana Valeria Neves de Araújo Leitão, was his follower in the profession and stayed by his side until his last moment.

He graduated from the Faculdade Nacional de Medicina da Universidade do Brasil in 1950, having achieved success in his academic career dedicated to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, being the author of nine influential books in this area.

Between 1959 and 1990, Prof. Araújo Leitão worked at the Institute of Neurology Deolindo Couto of the UFRJ, starting in 1970 to head the Rehabilitation Service at the Institution. This Service had an area of over 300 m², comprising a doctor's office, therapeutic academy, electrotherapy and thermotherapy sectors, hydrotherapy (Hubbard tank and whirlpool devices) and occupational therapy.

An important achievement of Prof. Araújo Leitão was the creation of the Brazilian Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine (ABMR), he founded on January 26, 1972, at the headquarters of the Sociedade de Medicina do RJ, also under the influence of academic physiatrists Odir Mendes Pereira and Hilton Baptista, of which he was its first president, later also president of honor.

Prof. Araújo Leitão will be greatly missed and will also leave a legacy and example of someone who fulfilled his fruitful mission, wrapped in an aura of commitment, dignity and elegance.