



Dr. Solera, Ph.D.

November 18, 2015

Dr. Rodrigo Solera, PhD, 87, of Lancaster, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday evening, November 16, 2015 at the Hospice and Community Care, Mt. Joy Center. A native from the Republic of Costa Rica, he was the son of the late Julio C. and Arabela Solera.

He came to the United States in 1948. He received his B.A. degree from Central Missouri State University at Warrensburg in 1953. From 1953 to 1955, he served with the U.S. Army. In 1958 he was granted his Masters degree and in 1964 received his PhD at the University of Kansas.

Dr. Solera taught Language, Literature, and Civilization & Culture at Penn State from 1964 to 1970 and then at Millersville University from 1970 until his retirement in 2002 as Professor Emeritus. During his academic tenure, he published several articles on his field and also presented numerous articles and papers regarding Spanish and Spanish-American literature, history and civilization in many scholarly gatherings. In addition to his teaching duties, he was the honorary consul of Costa Rica from 1966 to 1972. He has been a member of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church since 1972.

In 1959, Dr. Solera married Carolyn G. Creighton of Pittsburgh, Kansas and together had a daughter, Stephanie. Both his wife and daughter preceded him in death.

He is survived by a brother, Jorge of Costa Rica, along with his friends and colleagues.

Friends are invited to Celebrate Dr. Solera's Life at a service to be held at The Groffs family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Peter I. Hahn officiating. Interment will be held at the Millersville Mennonite Cemetery. The family will greet friends at The Groffs from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. If desired, memorials may be sent in Dr. Solera's name to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

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“ *Dr. Solera, Ph.D.*

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“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Recently I lost my dear mother, and found great comfort in the words of Jesus at John 11:11-14, where he likens death to being asleep, and at John 5:28,29 - "All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." For more, I turn to the website at www.jw.org (Search: Comfort) THANK YOU.*

Dennis Mathewson

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