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Evelio Machado Ramírez (1954-2021) held a Philosophy Degree in Sciences and Pedagogical Sciences, a Full Professor at the *Enrique Jose Varona* Center for Educational Sciences Studies, the *Ignacio Agramonte* University of Camagüey, Cuba. As a Head of the Teaching Department, Deputy Rector, and Director of the Center for Educational Research Studies, he proved that intellectual honesty, freedom of spirit, and a proud sense of personal dignity, are the necessary qualities to achieve sustainable human development, a culture of peace, and permanent education.

Machado's merits accumulated in the area of educational research, including the publication of more than 160 papers and 6 books. He was the recipient of three awards from the Academy of Sciences of Cuba and participated as a speaker and lecturer in more than 500 conferences. His successful career included membership in the staff of doctorate and master's degree courses in several universities in Cuba, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, and the Dominican Republic.

The analysis of Dr. Machado Ramirez's contributions to the sciences of education would demand a vast effort; as usually occurs with deeply-rooted

intellectuals, he transcends the domains of specialization. Naturally, he mastered the main aspects of our pedagogy, he treated it from the specific didactics to competency-based education. As an illustration, we must stress his contribution to research methodology and epistemology, the acquisition and development of competencies and skills, as well as the training and education of teachers and university graduates, along with his theoretical and practical contributions to the scientific and professional education of university students and teachers, conferred new meaning to the formation process of Cuban professionals.

Evelio Felipe Machado Ramírez was, above all, a pedagogue that shaped teaching into a way of living, and from his wisdom, we all learned.

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