



Ernesto and his wife, Dinorah, with their daughters, Elione and Ione.

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Marquart, Ernesto (1926–2006)

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Ernesto Marquart, pastor and missionary evangelist, was born on March 19, 1926, to an Adventist family in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The son of Emílio Marquart (1890-1969) and Olivia Wolff, he had eight siblings: Frida, Fredolino, Paulo, Paula, Ernestina, Lina, Elly, and Lilly Marquart. On March 4, 1954, he married Dinorah Ferrari, and from this union two daughters were born: Ione Ferrari Marquart (Porto) and Elione Ferrari Marquart (Souza),¹ thereafter a boy came along: Décio Fernandes Marquardt.

Ernesto made an important contribution to the Seventh-day Church. For over thirty years, he served as pastor in several districts in the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Sao Paulo. He graduated with a degree in theology in 1954 from the Brazil College (today UNASP – SP).² In 1956, he accepted the call to work at the Rio Grande do Sul Conference, where he served for the next 21 years. He worked as a dean at the Cruzeiro do Sul Adventist Academy (today IACS) in the city of Taquara.³ He was the first pastor of the Novo Hamburgo district in the Central and Vila Diehl churches from 1959 to 1961,⁴ when he was ordained to the ministry.⁵ In the following years, he was a pastor in Passo Fundo (1963),⁶ Erechim (1964-1967),⁷ Tenente Portela (1968-1969),⁸ Três Passos (1970-1971),⁹ Palmeira das Missões (1972-1973),¹⁰ Porto Alegre (1974-1975),¹¹ Camaquã, and Sentinela do Sul (1976-1977).¹²

In 1978, he accepted the call to work in the East Sao Paulo Conference. There, he was a pastor in Cotia (1979-1980),¹³ Piedade (1981),¹⁴ Jacupiranga (1982), and Cajati (1982-1983).¹⁵ In 1983, he started to serve in the South Sao Paulo Conference.¹⁶ In 1984, he was a chaplain of the Sao Roque Adventist Clinic.¹⁷ In Sao Paulo, Ernesto also was a pastor in Apiaí, Itapetininga, and Pariquera-Açu districts.¹⁸ He retired in 1991¹⁹, and after that he continued to serve the church in Alambari, Sao Paulo. He passed away on July 27, 2006 at the age of 80 in the city of Ribeirao Preto, state of Sao Paulo, where he attended the church of Recreio das Acacias.²⁰ With over 35 years of ministry, Pastor Ernesto Marquart contributed to the preaching of the Gospel and the edification of people in many districts in Rio Grande do Sul and Sao Paulo. As a result of his missionary efforts, hundreds of people were baptized.²¹

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