

AN INTERVIEW WITH MY GRANDFATHER

- I was born in 1931 and we were in the Spanish Civil War and because of economic circumstances, I began to work when I was 12 because the situation was very difficult. We passed the war and the post-war era and there were a lot of basic needs but fortunately, we could make it through it.



This photo was taken in Buenos Aires, Argentina in August 1957

- *And what was your job when you were 12?*

- When I was 12 I started working as a painter, a house painter. And later on, when I was 24, I moved to Argentina and I came back as a returning migrant and now I'm here in Spain, in Granada and I'm truly happy.

- *So when you were young and still lived in Spain, there was a lot of poverty, right?*

- Yes, of course, way too much poverty and hunger as Spain was destroyed and we were 5 siblings. My mom worked by herself because my dad was ill and we could make it through it but with a lot of basic needs.

- *Due to the poverty, were you able to go to school?*

- I could, but for a short time as I had to help my dad that was a carpenter so we could get by and to be honest, I didn't have many chances. The bit that I learned was because of the years that I have lived, I learned by myself.

- *Did you have any freedom or ways to have fun?*

- Yes, my friends and I met when we could and we were keen on playing the guitar and sing serenades because in those days we did sing serenades at night when it was Mother's Day or your siblings' and that was the only entertainment we had.



This photo was taken in Cosquín, Córdoba, Argentina

- *And there were any festive days?*

- Not really, we had things like now, for example the Corpus.

- *What evolution have you been able to see in society since then until now?*

- Well, now life is truly developed. I'm amazed at the progress we have now compared to what I've lived when I was younger.