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Pete T. Cenarrusa
(1917—2013)

As one door closed another opened. Just as we were poised to launch our new BOGA Basque Studies Consortium Journal, we received the sad news of the passing of Pete T. Cenarrusa. He was 95 but it was still too soon for him to leave us. This extraordinary man will be missed. Pete left behind an incredible positive legacy as Idaho’s longest-serving elected official. But he was also a driving force behind Boise State’s Basque Studies Program.

He and his wife Freda put forth the original initiative headed by the Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture (formerly the Cenarrusa Center for Basque Studies). Then in 2004-05, the Basque Studies element of the Cenarrusa Foundation was transferred to Boise State University, and since then the program has continued to expand; e.g., with varied course offerings, popular weekend workshops, and now this new online scholarly journal.

Clearly a venture such as this journal is not possible without the participation of others in a shared effort. So while Basque Studies at Boise State is coordinating this effort, as the word “consortium” in the title implies, this is a collaborative endeavor of which Pete was a key part. Fittingly, we dedicate this inaugural issue of our new journal to Pete’s Basque Studies legacy. The door on Pete’s life with us on this earth has closed, but he helped to make possible the opening of another door as our new journal begins.

HILAK GOGOAN BIZIRIK! (The dead are alive in our memories.)