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A geologist graduated from the University of Guayaquil, being the first woman to earn a doctorate in micropaleontology, specifically in the field of foraminifera, she began working by leading the micropaleontology laboratory of the Ecuadorian state oil corporation CEPE: at the Golfo de Guayaquil Executive Unit in 1982, later named the Guayaquil Geological Research Center CIG. An extraordinary scientist, but above all a teacher, with her patience and determination, she reached her students and transported them to a world little known even to geologists themselves. Her love for Earth Sciences and especially for Paleontology was genuine and inspiring, positively impacting everyone who had the opportunity to meet her. In the book *Micropaleontología Ecuatoriana*, a work of more than 600 pages published in 2006, it compiles all the knowledge accumulated over more than 20 years of work on the microfossils of Ecuador's sedimentary basins.