

## JOSEPH RIBAS



Joseph Ribas and his wife, Mireille Ribas, in Vernet-les-Bains, France, 2008

Joseph Ribas was born in 1931 in Saint-Laurent-de-la-Salanque (Roussillon, Pyrénées-Orientales, France). His parents were Spanish.

He died in February 2025, at Canohès, near Perpignan, France. He and his wife, Mireille, had lived there for many years prior to that date.

He was a French writer, illustrator and columnist, specialising in the Pyrenees mountains.

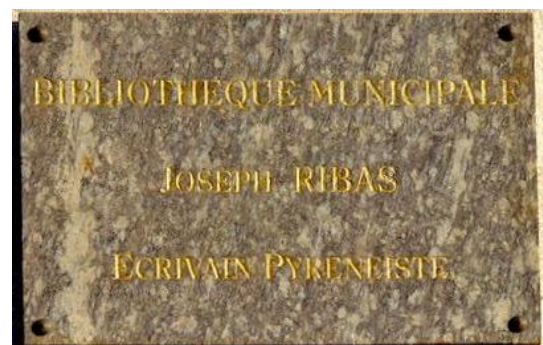
He had led a career as a teacher.

He published many books (see list below) - on his profession of teaching, and on the Pyrenees and Roussillon in particular. The latter were often illustrated by himself.

He wrote innumerable articles for the regional newspaper *La Dépêche du Midi*, for the specialist review *Pyrénées*, and for other journals.

He was the creator, with Georges Véron, of the Pyrennes high-level walking trail (*Haute randonnée pyrénéenne*) (1968).

In 2004, a public library bearing the name of Joseph Ribas was opened in the *commune* of Saint-Marsal (Aspres, Pyrénées-Orientales, France).



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