



Dr. Jules Pierre Jean Carbotte

March 26, 1938 - April 5, 2019

Jules Pierre Jean Carbotte died April 5 at age 81 of complications of cancer. Jules was born in Long Beach California, March 26, 1938 while his parents, Leon and Pauline Carbotte were on an extended winter vacation from their home in Frye, Saskatchewan. Jules was raised in the French Canadian community in Manitoba and had a classical secondary education from the Jesuits at College St Boniface. He met his wife Ramona, a bright and beautiful young woman from the farming community of Treherne Manitoba, in a first year summer school class in physics while they were both beginning their undergraduate degrees at the University of Manitoba. They married in 1959 and shared 59 years together. Jules went on to complete a MSc and PhD in Theoretical Physics at McGill University, graduating in 1964 at the age of 26. He joined the McMaster University faculty in 1965, took a position at McGill University from 1967-1968, returning to McMaster in 1968 where he stayed for the rest of his career. He was named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and awarded the CAP Herzberg Medal for Achievement in Physics in 1974, and the Steacie Prize in 1975. In 1996 he was named University Professor at McMaster and was later awarded four Honorary Degrees, from Waterloo University, the University of Manitoba, Sherbrook University and McMaster University. Over his 55 year career, Jules worked broadly in the field of condensed matter physics with his most recent work in high-temperature superconductivity, graphene, and topological materials. Jules was a wonderfully gregarious and generous man, infinitely curious and with a deep passion for the mysteries of our world as revealed through science. Jules is survived by his wife Ramona (née DePauw), daughters Sr. Christine CSJ and Suzanne, son-in law Bob Blaisdell, grand-children Max and Odette, his siblings Dom Marcel OCSO, Paul (Adeline), and Anne-Marie (Bernie). He is pre-deceased by his brother Roger (Florence). As per Jules' wishes there will be no funeral service. His remains have been cremated and memorials will happen at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jules' name to the Juravinski Cancer Centre

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Comments



“ I was Jules first graduate student. You are now dead Jules so I will refrain from commenting on who you were. I hope God has forgiven you.

Antonio - October 14, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ This terrible news has only just reached me within the past week. I was an undergraduate at McMaster many years ago and Jules was my most inspirational lecturer. His enthusiasm for knowledge was an enormous influence. When various awards came my way later in life, including an honorary doctorate from McMaster, I always acknowledged Jules as the inspiration who set me on my career path. I never met his family but I offer these sincere condolences from a grateful former student.

Gary Davis - September 17, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ Ramona, I am so sorry to learn of the death of your husband Jules. Please know that you and your family are remembered in prayer at this difficult time. May your faith, your memories of Jules, and the support of family and friends strengthen you.
Diana O'Donnell

Diana O'Donnell - April 15, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ He was always a generous man who made you feel he was listening.

Philip Walton - April 14, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to Ramona, Suzanne and Christine, beloved wife and daughters to dear Jules and to all those who were touched by this wonderful man. By sharing a moment or a meal with this family, I always felt a part of it and a part of their sharing. I celebrate Jules' extraordinary professional life and legacy and all that he meant to his family and friends. His memory will be lasting.
Marguerite Larmand, Simcoe ON



Marguerite Larmand - April 13, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ All my condolences to the family and friends of Jules.
As a colleague, he was respected worldwide and highly appreciated for his vision and creativity, his great culture (scientific but also general) as well as for his wonderful sense of humour. We will miss him and remain inspired by his exemplary legacy.
Pascale Roy
Synchrotron Soleil,
France

Pascale Roy - April 12, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ My sincerest condolences go out to Dr. Jules Carbotte's family and friends, you are in my thoughts. He was my external examiner and reviewed my thesis last year. He was a great man and I the utmost respect for him. I am very sad to learn of his passing, he will be missed.

Kyle Bryenton - April 11, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Sister Christine and her Mother and Family at the loss of such a wonderful husband and father. All of you are supported by our prayers at this difficult time.
Marnie Rawlinson

Marnie Rawlinson - April 09, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ So sad to hear that Jules has died. My condolences to all the Carbotte family. Coming together with you for special occasions has been an important part of the cycle of my life. Jules was always very much at the centre of those gatherings. I will miss him.

Mel Kliman - April 09, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of the news of Jules' death. Ramona, Christine and Suzanne, know that you are very much in my prayers as you celebrate his life. May your memories of his life and love be forever present in your hearts.
Sister Joan Van der Zyden (Cluny Sisters)

Joan Van der Zyden - April 08, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ I just heard the sad news about Jules' death. I am holding my dear friend Ramona, daughters Christine and Suzanne, and all your family in my thoughts, and wishing you peace at this difficult time. "May Jules' memory be a blessing." (Jewish prayer.

Ellen S Jaffe - April 08, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ I just read the very sad news of Jules death on Facebook! I am so sorry for this great loss! Please know that I will be holding you in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I did have the privilege of getting to know Jules a little bit a few years ago, and found his vivacious spirit enjoyable and engaging. May you be held with care!

Donna Paige - April 08, 2019 at 06:22 PM