



Raymond Charles Boston

July 13, 1943 - June 29, 2024

Raymond Charles Boston of West Chester, PA passed away on June 29, 2024 at the Resorts at Chester River Manor in Chestertown, MD. He was 80 years old.

He was born in Melbourne, Australia, on July 13, 1943, the son of the late Charles Thomas Boston and Stella Lironi Boston. In his youth, he was a proud Queen's Scout and was an avid rower, participating on his high school's rowing team. After graduating from high school, he attended Melbourne University for the next 10 years, earning his PhD in physics. He then began his lifelong career in academics, lecturing at Australian National University, La Trobe University, and Murdoch University. Later he would become a research scientist at the National Institute of Health and a tenured professor at the University of Pennsylvania for the remainder of his career. As a biomathematician and biostatistician his research included areas ranging from veterinary to medical to epidemiological issues. Ray lectured and taught at institutions across the world; from Glasgow to Taipei to Finland, etc. And most recently in Melbourne Australia, where he assisted with clinical research projects at St Vincent's hospital. In the field of biomathematical modeling he contributed significantly to the development of the Winsaam program, used by research scientists around the world. Ray was also a member of the prestigious selection committee at the Franklin Institute.

In 1966, he married his wife of nearly 60 years, Claire Boston. An avid football fan, Raymond passed along his love of the Richmond Tigers Football Club to

all four of his sons, a fact he was extremely proud of. He will be remembered as a devoted husband and father, and a doting grandfather.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by much loved son, Paul Boston.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Claire; sons, Sean Boston, Marc Boston, and James Boston; grandchildren, Aimee Boston, Thomas Boston, Ryan Boston, Jillian Boston, Alison Boston, Jessica Boston, and Lochlan Boston; sister, Leoni Mather; as well as a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mental Health Association of Delaware at www.mhainde.org.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Dear Claire and Family,

My deepest condolences on Ray's passing. Our thoughts are with you during this very sad time. I was very fortunate that Ray became my mentor around 2015, after he started working with us in the Department of Medicine at the University of Melbourne, St. Vincent's Hospital. He helped so many students and staff with his statistical and scientific expertise. I strongly believe he brought our group's neurology research to new heights.

I admired Ray's intelligence, but it was his character that completely won me over. One particular case is forever etched in my memory. I told Ray that a student was struggling due to a family member's mental health issues. He said, "Then we must do all we can to help! Alan, never ever take mental health issues lightly." Ray went all in, guiding this student, who successfully graduated with a PhD. Ray was a gem.

I will always cherish my coffee breaks with him, talking about science and life. One day over coffee, I mentioned that my youngest son, Andreas, was obsessed with Sesame Street and that we were struggling to find him the Count von Count soft toy. As you would expect, Ray brought Count von Count back from the U.S. for Andreas. It is serendipitous that he opened my mind to truly appreciate statistics and the philosophy of science, and we have Count von Count in our home to constantly remind me of my dear mentor Ray.

Utmost respect and love,

Alan Lai

Alan Lai - September 05, 2024 at 11:59 PM

RO

“ Dear Claire/Elsa, Sean, Mark, James and Family,

The passing of Ray has brought to an end a 58-year friendship with such a unique guy that began as neighbours in East Melbourne in 1966. I regarded Ray as a best friend.

Throughout our friendship, Ray exuded a warmth of personality and exhibited a passionate, dedicated and tenacious approach to his scientific work. As a neighbour he was friendly, funny and full of life. He is best described as a gentleman, courteous, smart, humble, helpful and a bit one-eyed about his football team, Richmond.

He was rightly proud of his family. They also became Richmond supporters under his parental influence. The boys (now adults) were lucky to have such supporting parents.

Despite his career taking him initially interstate then overseas, he made the effort to keep in touch with us in Australia. It was really great to catch up with him and Claire when they made visits to Melbourne. Despite in later years being an elder, respected academic, in our catch-ups, he still exhibited that boyish enthusiasm and a twinkle in the eye.

We can truly say that Ray brought an added quality to our lives. Though we will miss him, we will always remember him.

Our sincerest condolences.

from the Hood Family

Robin, Cherry and Robbie as well as Owen and Ryan

Robin - July 15, 2024 at 06:16 AM

JB

“ Dear Elsa-Claire, Sean, Marc, James and families.

Please accept our love and condolences. We think of Ray more as family than just a friend that we enjoyed knowing. We will miss his generous smile and lively chats not to mention the memorable lunches and visits. In addition to his extraordinary contributions to medical science, even more valuable is the memory of a brilliant, but extremely modest, wonderful man. We love him greatly.

Judy and John

John Barton - July 14, 2024 at 08:08 AM

GW

“ Dear Claire, Sean, Marc, James and families, and Leoni, please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Ray. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time. I had the honour of collaborating with Ray for 40 years on mathematical modeling in diabetes research at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, Australia. Thanks to Ray's expertise we were able to publish many medical journal articles. Over that time he was a well respected colleague who became a close friend. My wife Trish and I had the pleasure of getting to know Ray and Claire both here in Australia and when we visited West Chester. Ray will be warmly remembered by our family. Sincerely Glenn and Trish Ward, Melbourne, Australia

Glenn Ward - July 13, 2024 at 05:33 AM

FC

“ From Sonya Mouzon and Leo Carey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Charles Boston.

From Sonya Mouzon and Leo Carey - July 10, 2024 at 03:49 PM

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“ From Sonya Mouzon and Leo Carey purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raymond Charles Boston.



From Sonya Mouzon and Leo Carey - July 10, 2024 at 03:49 PM

MP

“ I was so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I knew Ray during his time at Penn. A kind gentle person, and a brilliant one too. A gentleman scholar. I am honored to have known him, and send my condolences to his family.

Mary Putt - July 09, 2024 at 04:53 PM

JS

“ I'm sorry for your loss Claire. May his memory be a blessing. 💕💕💕

Jayne Surry - July 09, 2024 at 07:47 AM

PW

“ Dear Claire, Sean, Marc, and James! Sorry to hear of Rays passing. Sending condolences and wishing you all the best in these tricky times. Ray was the first academic I knew. He made it look easy, when actually - it is not... With love and hugs Peta (Melbourne, Australia)

Peta White - July 06, 2024 at 09:39 PM

SW

“ Sincere condolences to Claire and family. Thinking of you at this time, and wishing you well. Regards, Sue and Dick White. Boyup Brook, Western Australia.

Sue White - July 06, 2024 at 09:04 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Charles Boston.



July 04, 2024 at 06:26 AM

JF

“ Claire and family, my condolences on Ray's death. He was a dedicated professor. He impacted and helped many in their respective fields. He contributed greatly to the ration program CPMDairy. He leaves a legacy of achievement. May his soul find rest. Jim and Barbara Ferguson

James Ferguson - July 03, 2024 at 11:39 AM

CA

We will miss him greatly.

Catherine - July 11, 2024 at 01:41 AM