

Dr. John E. Mack, Psychiatrist, Dies at 74

By JENNIFER BAYOT

Dr. John E. Mack, a Pulitzer Prize winner and Harvard psychiatrist who studied people who said they had encounters with alien beings, died in London on Monday. He was 74 and lived in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Mack was struck by a driver suspected of being drunk and evidently died on impact, according to the John E. Mack Institute, formerly the Center for Psychology and Social Change.

Dr. Mack was in Britain to speak at a conference on T. E. Lawrence, the British officer known as Lawrence of Arabia. Dr. Mack's book "A Prince of Our Disorder: The Life of T. E. Lawrence" won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1977.

He was drawn to psychoanalytic analysis of the misunderstood or vulnerable, including children contemplating suicide, teenagers troubled by the threat of nuclear war and finally, people plagued by what they believed to be recurrent alien encounters.

In the 1990's, Dr. Mack studied dozens of people who said they had had such contact with aliens, culminating in his book "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens" in 1994. In it, he focused less on whether

A portrait of a 'Prince of Our Disorder' captured a Pulitzer.

aliens were real than on the spiritual effects of perceived encounters, arguing that "the abduction phenomenon has important philosophical, spiritual and social implications" for everyone.

The book led Harvard Medical School, where Dr. Mack had been a tenured professor for several years, to appoint a committee to review his research methods and consider investigating him. After 14 months of investigation, it released a statement saying that it "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinion without impediment."

His work was the subject of the 2003 documentary film "Touched," made by Laurel Chiten.

John Edward Mack was born in New York on Oct. 4, 1929. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Oberlin College in 1951 and received his medical degree from Harvard in 1955.

He completed his residency at the

Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston before joining the Air Force in 1959 for a two-year tour of duty as a psychiatrist in Japan.

He then received advanced training at the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and was certified as a child analyst in 1969.

In the late 1960's, he started the psychiatry unit at the Cambridge Hospital, one of Harvard's teaching hospitals, and was chief of the department from 1969 until 1977.

Early in his career, Dr. Mack focused on the psychology of sleep and dreams. He later became an expert on the psychological effects of the nuclear arms race, writing dozens of scholarly articles and advocating for disarmament. In the 1980's he was academic director of the Center for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age.

Dr. Mack started the John E. Mack Institute in 1989 as the Center for Psychology and Social Change, and in 1993 he started the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research with a grant from Laurance Rockefeller.

He was also an assistant editor of The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association and was on the editorial board of The American Journal of Psychoanalysis.



Dr. John E. Mack

He wrote several scholarly books on psychiatry. A second book for general readers, "Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters," was published in 1999.

Dr. Mack's marriage to the former Sally Stahl ended in divorce. Survivors include a sister, Mary Lee Ingbar of Brookline, Mass.; three sons, Daniel, of Boulder, Colo., Kenneth, of Almaty, Kazakhstan, and Tony, of Cambridge; and two grandchildren.

Memories of Roger Straus By Writers He Championed

By DINITIA SMITH

Writers, editors and friends — among them some of the talents whom Roger W. Straus Jr. nurtured, fed (literally) and helped make famous — gathered yesterday afternoon in Manhattan to remember the man who was known to the literary world as the last of the great independent publishers.

In anecdotes both funny and fond, Mr. Straus, the proprietor of Farrar, Straus & Giroux until his death in May at 87, was memorialized as a bon vivant with a profane tongue, who spoke in broad strokes and capital letters, who relished his advances and who was a miser with enemies.

In a career of nearly six decades, he published the Nobel Prize winners Joseph Brodsky, T. S. Eliot, Nadine Gordimer, Czeslaw Milosz, Isaac Bashevis Singer and Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, and took a chance on unknowns like Tom Wolfe and Michael Cunningham when every other publisher turned them down.

The audience of 600, at the Underberg Poetry Center at the 92nd Street Y, was a roll call of the country's best-known authors, many of whom Mr. Straus had nourished at parties at his Upper East Side town house. One of those in attendance was Philip Roth, who famously changed publishers when Mr. Straus refused his agent's request for a larger advance.

John McPhee, who was published by Farrar, Straus for 40 years, had his imitation of his old editor avowed: "He was 'Absolutely maaaveh-lous! ... Etc., etc., etc., and so on,'" he said in a near-ecstatic rendition of the Straus voice.

Mr. McPhee noted that Mr. Straus had spoken to his writing class at Princeton University for years. When students asked about editing Solzhenitsyn, Mr. McPhee recalled, Mr. Straus would begin, "Years ago, when I first started having intercourse with the Big A..."

One of Mr. Straus's most important roles as a publisher, Peter Mayer, a founder of Overlook Press, said, was to bring to America European writers "who enlarged the sensibilities of our nation." Many, of course, won the Nobel. So frequent did Mr. Straus's visits to Stockholm become, Mr. Mayer said, that "Swedish immigration waved him through with a knowing nod."

Though Farrar, Straus was bought by Holtzbrinck Publishers in 1994, Mr. Straus carefully negotiated his independence.

And when Mr. Mayer founded Overlook Press, he said, Mr. Straus gave him this advice on avoiding bankers: "Do it the way I do it. Sell as many shares to as many suckers as you can."

No memorial service for Mr. Straus could have been complete without a word about the Union Square Cafe, where for 20 years Belles-Beaven read the words of his colleague Danny Meyer, one of the owners, who could not attend the ceremony. Mr. Straus ate about 3,000 lunches there, Mr. Meyer calculated. "At \$35 a pop, with an average of 1.5

Independent-minded publisher beloved by his Nobel authors.

guests, every time he lunched with us, that's a lot of clams," Mr. Meyer figured. "Imagine how much more those F.S.G. advances might have been."

Scott Turow said that when he was an aspiring writer in the Midwest, Farrar, Straus seemed like the ultimate publisher, and he began sending manuscripts there when he was 19. When he finished "Presumed Innocent," he accepted a smaller advance from the company, he said, just to publish with Mr. Straus.

Tom Wolfe was the last to speak at the Farrar, Straus offices on Union Square, then a neighborhood rife with drugs, in his Mercedes convertible. "Roger had a scarf sort of like Théophile Gautier," Mr. Wolfe said. "His hair would be swept back."

Mr. Straus's archival "was better than all the pharmacology of Morphine," Mr. Wolfe said. "Everyone" would be frozen, needles in "mid-air."

"Roger was what I think of as a motor," he said. "He would get the current running at top speed. He would say, 'Anybody who'd like to go for a ride, hop in.'"

Scott Muni, 74, a Radio D.J. Of FM Rock Programming

By JON PARELES

Scott Muni, a disc jockey whose deep, leisuely, fogbound voice was a regular companion to New York City rock fans for nearly 50 years, died on Tuesday in New York. He was 74 and had not returned to the air after suffering a stroke in January.

His death was confirmed by his son Mason Muñoz, who said he had recently had neurological, heart and lung problems.

Mr. Muni was a pioneer of FM radio in New York, breaking from the regimentation of Top 40 radio to introduce a free-form approach. "There was an extended period when my father let the D.J.'s play whatever they wanted to play," Mr. Muñoz said. Playing album tracks as well as singles, and speaking to the audience conversationally, Mr. Muni helped set the style for FM radio nationwide in the decades to come. But his calmly authoritative voice was always distinctive.

Mr. Muni was born in Wichita, Kan., and grew up in New Orleans. He joined the Marines in 1950 and began broadcasting during his service, reading "Dear John" letters on Radio Guam. When he returned to civilian life, he became the replacement for Alan Freed on WAKR in Akron, Ohio, in 1955, and he also worked in Kankakee, Ill., before moving to the Top 40 station WMCA in New York City. In 1960 he switched to the city's other Top 40 powerhouse, WABC-AM.

In the 1960's, the Federal Communications Commission ruled that radio stations could not broadcast the same content on both an AM and FM station. The result was to open up air time on the relatively undeveloped FM band, and rock programming moved in. In 1966, Mr. Muni joined the staff of the fledgling WOR-FM, New York's first commercial free-form radio station. The experiment lasted a few months. Mr. Muni and a fellow WOR-FM disc jockey, Rosko, were then hired by WNEW-FM. At WNEW-FM, the format, also known as progressive or underground radio, took hold.

Early in the 1970's, Mr. Muni became the program director at WNEW-FM, a job he kept through the decade. "Scott was the heart and soul of the place," said Dennis Elsas, who was hired by Mr. Muni and became WNEW-FM's music director; he is now a disc jockey at WFUV. "We were all kind of making it up as we went along."

Musicians were constant guests at the station. During one interview, Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin col-



Scott Muni

lapsed in mid-sentence; Mr. Muni played an album, revived the guitarist and finished the interview with Mr. Page lying on the floor. In another interview, Mr. Muni played cards on the air with members of the Grateful Dead.

In the early 1970's, a bank robber named Cat Olsen, who was holding hostages at a bank, demanded to speak to Mr. Muni and hear some Grateful Dead.

Mr. Muni took pride in introducing new music to listeners first. "We were very competitive," Mr. Elsas said. "He knew how to play the game but he loved all of it, and the musicians genuinely respected him." One of Mr. Muni's regular features, "Things From England," gave early exposure to British rock bands.

Mr. Muni broadcast on WNEW-FM until 1998, outlasting program directors who sometimes tried to oust him as the format grew increasingly regimented. His knowledge of music led to him being nicknamed the Professor. He moved to the classic-rock station WAXQ (Q104.3), where he opened each show with a Beatles song and continued to earn high ratings until his last broadcast there in January. He was also the host of syndicated radio shows like "Ticket to Ride" and "Scott Muni's World of Rock," and did occasional voice-over work, including a Roloids commercial and announcements for ABC's "Monday Night Football."

He is survived by his wife, Jean Muni, and their daughters Tiffany and Melissa; by his children from his first marriage, Mason, Shane and Jennifer Muñoz; and one grandchild.

Walter Scheuer, 82, Investor And a Supporter of the Arts

By WOLFGANG SAXON

Walter Scheuer, a New York investor and patron of the arts who produced the Oscar-winning documentary "From Mao to Mozart: Isaac Stern in China" among other films, died on Sept. 20 at his home in Manhattan, his family announced. He was 82.

Chairman of the Sterling Scheuer Corporation, an investment company, which he had headed since 1980.

He combined his successful investment career with a longtime commitment to the New York's classical music scene.

He was a trustee and mainstay of Carnegie Hall since 1977, and there he worked closely with Stern, who saved the hall from the wrecking ball. In 1979 he produced Murray Lerner's film record of Stern's tour of China, which won an Oscar in 1980 for best documentary and continues to be widely seen on television.

Mr. Scheuer also produced "November's Children: Revolution in Prague" (1991) and "High Fidelity: The Guarneri String Quartet" (1988). His latest film venture was as executive producer of "The Turandot Project" (2000), which documented a production of Puccini's opera in its intended setting, Beijing.

Mr. Scheuer was the longest-serving trustee in the 50-year history of the Paul Taylor Dance Company and an executive vice president of its supporting foundation. He financed its first tour of China in 1996, and the company credited him with being the creative force behind "Dancemak-

Producer of the film 'Mao to Mozart' with his friend Isaac Stern.

er," a documentary about the troupe. Mr. Scheuer was an early backer of Symphony Space, on the Upper West Side. He supported music programs for city schoolchildren as well as aspiring for schoolchildren makers and foreign students coming to study in New York.

His other charities included his alma mater, Swarthmore, the Bridgehampton (N.Y.) Music Festival; the Citizens' Committee for Children of New York, of which he was a longtime board member; and the UJA-Federation of New York.

A native of Manhattan, Mr. Scheuer served with the Signal Corps in the Pacific in World War II after graduating from Swarthmore. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marge Pearlman Scheuer; two sons, David, of Shelburne, Vt., and Jeffrey, of Manhattan; two daughters, Susan and Judith Scheuer, both of Manhattan; three brothers, Richard J., of Larchmont, N.Y., Steven H., of Washington, the former congressman from New York; a sister, Amy Cohen, of Larchmont; and seven grandchildren.

The New York Times Magazine illuminates the news.

Deaths

Beene, Geoffrey
Black, Muriel
Bryantford, Gardner
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Foster, Julia
Fry, James

Giffiths, Lisa
Halloran, Leo
Harris, Irving
Kooper, A.
Nessiter, Arthur
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Wyatt, Hope

Rubinstein, Irene
Salisbury, Nancy
Sinn, Rebecca
Strauss, Michael
Whitman, Janet
Wyatt, Hope

BEENE—Geoffrey. We note with sorrow the passing of our esteemed client, Geoffrey Beene. Mr. Beene was a perennially elegant fixture in the fashion industry for 50 years, the consummate gentleman and a timeless classic. We extend our condolences to the entire Geoffrey Beene family.

Eisikovics & Kane, LLP
BEENE — Geoffrey. The Board of Directors and members of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) mourn the loss of the remarkable Geoffrey Beene, a creative leader in the industry, a role model and inspiration to so many.

BEENE—Geoffrey. The Randolph family offers their condolences to the Geoffrey Beene organization on the loss of their great leader. The fashion industry will miss his unique talent.

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BLACK—Muriel (nee Fleischman). September 18, 2004, at home in Harbor Island, FL, age 90. Beloved wife of Eddie Black, loving mother of Jo Ann and Howard Chase of Whitehouse Station, NJ, adoring grandmother of Adam Chase of Los Angeles, CA, and aunt of Linda and Alfred Barlen, and Lauren and Jeffrey Kaplan. Loving cousin of Howard and Marilyn Zirn. Those wishing to remember Muriel and Eddie Black may send a gift to the Shimon and Sarah Birnbaum JCC, 775 Talmari Rd., Bridgewater, NJ 08807. A fund will be established for Music Enrichment programs for pre-school children.

BOTSFORD — Gardner. Planned Parenthood of New York City, its Board of Directors, Council of Advocates and Staff mourn the death of Gardner Botsford, a generous supporter of our work. We are grateful for Mr. Botsford's personal generosity and unwavering support of our mission. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Janet Malcolm and their entire family.

PATRICIA J. VOLLAND, Chair, PPNYC Board of Directors
JOAN MALLIN, Pres., and CEO

FOGARTY—James E. Esa, Reiss Corp. mourns the death of its Director Jim Fogarty, and acknowledges with deep appreciation his enormous contribution to every aspect of the corporation and to the Reiss family. Jim joined Reiss as in-house counsel in 1947 and remained a Director until his death. His advice and friendship will be sorely missed.

FOSTER—Julia. Beloved wife of Edward, loving mother of David and his wife Allison, adoring grandmother of Reuben Wade. Passed away, two days before her 70th birthday in Las Vegas. Services are on Friday, 11:00 A.M., Boulevard Riverside Chapel, 1450 Broadway, Hewlett, New York.

FOSTER—Julia. We shared many happy moments for 42 years. We had hoped for more. We love you and will miss you.

Ruth, Marilyn and Nancy
FRY—Martha W., 81, in Westport, CT. Member of the American Stock Exchange. Husband of the late Barbara Leavitt Fry, Elizabeth, Victoria and Jennifer. Brother of Joan, and grandfather of Joan. Memorial service on Friday, 11:00 A.M., at the Unitarian Church of Westport.

GRIFFITHS—Lisa (Ellisabeth). Of Staten Island, New York on September 28, 2004. After a brave battle, Lisa, the beloved daughter of the late Assuntina and Lionel L. Survived by family in Liaty, Sampson and a devoted circle of friends. Manager of recruitment for Fried Frank Rabinowitz and Jacobson LLP. Former employee of John Wiley & Sons Inc., Continental Insurance, General Mills, ASTA and the United Nations. Funeral from Virginia Funt, at Chapel, 1707 Hyland Blvd., Staten Island, Friday, 9:30 A.M. Mass of Christian burial, St. Ann's RC Church, 1000 A.M., Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island. Visiting hours Thursday, 2-4, 7-9 P.M. Please call 718-987-2828 for more information.

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HALLORAN—Leo A., former vice-president of General Electric and chief financial officer of the company, died from cancer on Tuesday at his home in Guilford, CT. Born on April 2, 1931 in Schenectady, NY. Mr. Halloran was a graduate of Union College and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His wife, Marilyn Gobeil Halloran, daughter Patricia Garvey, sons Michael Halloran and Kevin Halloran and five grandchildren survive.

Mr. Halloran, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, Oct. 2nd at the Saint George's Catholic Church in Guilford, CT. Mr. Halloran will be buried at the Most Holy Redeemer in Guilford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Carolyn Frye Halloran, 114-03 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, NY. Contributions may be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, www.ushmm.org.

HARRIS—Irving B. A courageous champion of young children and families, an articulate and uncompromising social critic, a compassionate pragmatist. His convictions inspired the work of four generations of practitioners and researchers in the field of child development and early care and education. He made of his life a quest to repair the world. In his passionate desire to see, to integrate, to serve, and to heal, he embodied the highest role of humanity. He was our founder, our friend, our mentor, and our benefactor. His lively intelligence and keen insights will be missed, but his voice will never fall silent and his work will illuminate for generations to come. Our deepest sympathy to his loving wife and strong-armed ally, Joann, and to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, of whom he was so proud.

Samuel J. Meisels, Ed.D., President, and the entire Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and student body of Erikson Institute, a graduate school in child development, Irving B. Harris, Founder

NETTER—Arthur B. The entire Beth Israel Medical Center family joins with the leadership of its parent company, Continuum Health Partners, in acknowledging with sadness the passing of Arthur B. Netter, beloved brother of our dear friend and longtime colleague, Richard Netter, a member of the Continuum and Beth Israel Boards of Trustees. To Richard, his nephew, Andrew Netter, his niece Lisa Kelly, his brother Edward, the entire Netter family and all of his late brother's loved ones, we extend heartfelt condolences.

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HARRIS—Irving B. Sarah Lawrence College mourns the passing of our former trustee (50-59)—a visionary dedicated to bettering the lives of the poor and extending our sympathies to his wife, Joan, and his entire family, including his son, William Harris, also a trustee (78-82), and his daughters, who were alumnae of the College, Virginia Polsky and Roxanne Frank.

Robert M. Riggs,
Chairman of the Board
of Trustees
Michele Toletta Myers,
President

KOOPER—Al. On September 28, 2004, at the age of 102, in West Palm Beach, FL. Holocaust survivor, entrepreneur, philanthropist. Husband of Jean, of Forest Hills, NY and Leona, of West Hill, NY. Father of Larry and Mary Beth, of NY and Fred and Jim Hamilton, of Redwood City, CA. Grandfather of Max. Services on Sunday, October 3, at Sorowitz Brothers, 114-03 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills. Contributions may be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC, www.ushmm.org.

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NOSSITER—Bernard D. On September 27, 2004. Adored brother of Elaine N. Boros Memorial Museum, a gentleman and a gentle man.

Deaths

RUBINSTEIN—Irene S. died on September 29th, in her 92nd year, after a long and fulfilling life. She is survived by her sons, Laurence and Peter and John in whom she took enormous pride; their wives, Robin, Kerry and Blair who gave her the love and support of her life; her granddaughters, Mara and Jeff Tanzon, Eve and John Pomeroy, Michael and Kathy Rubinstein, Noah, James, Jill and Adam, and her great grandson, Noah Tanzon, all of whom lightened and invigorated her life. For over 65 years, she was the devoted wife of Dr. Benjamin Rubinstein who pre-deceased her. She shared his interests and loyalties with unstinting vigor and intensity. Services will be at the Plaza Jewish Community Chapel at 10 AM on Friday, October 1.

RUBINSTEIN—Irene. Central Synagogue records with profound sorrow the passing of its longtime member, Irene Rubinstein, mother of our beloved Senior Rabbi Peter J. Rubinstein and Michael Rubinstein and grandmothers of Sarah H. Reines, Rabbi Ruth A. Zlotnick, Rabbi Ida Rae Cahana, Cantor Alfred Youngwood, President

SALISBURY — Nancy, rsci. The Trustees, Faculty and Staff, Students, Parents and Alumnae of Convent of the Sacred Heart, New York City, deeply mourn the passing of an exceptional leader, devoted teacher and treasured friend. An advocate for the importance of faith and spirit in the lives of children, she inspired countless women with her compassion and purpose as she led our school as Head Mistress from 1980 until her retirement in 2000. She left an indelible mark on thousands of Sacred Heart students in New York and in many other Network schools with her profound spirituality, her emphasis on academic rigor and her openness to many approaches in education. Memorial gifts may be made to the Society of the Sacred Heart Retirement Fund, 43rd West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, MO, 63108.

Mary Blake, Ed.D., Head Mistress,
Laurette M. Bryan, Chair,
Board of Trustees
Convent of the Sacred Heart
New York City

WHITMAN—Janet R. The Board of Directors extends its heartfelt sympathy to the Whitman family on the passing of Janet R. Whitman, our past President. She had been a very active Board member over the past 35 years and will be greatly missed.

WHITMAN—Janet R. The Society for the Relief of Women and Children mourns the death of Janet Russell Whitman, who served on our Board for over 50 years. Her dedication, generosity and lively spirit will be deeply missed.

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SINN—Rebecca R. Died September 22, 2004, in Baltimore, MD. Formerly of New York City. Devoted wife of Christopher. Loving mother of Joshua. Hotel executive. Memorial service, Thursday, October 30th, 11AM at Saint Bartholomew's Church, 109 E. 50 St at Park Ave.

STRAUSS—Michael. Service Guild of Long Island Jewish Medical Center mourns the passing of Michael Strauss. He is survived by his wife, Anne, longtime board member, and his two sons Dr. Richard Strauss and Mr. Robert Strauss. Our sincere condolences to the family.

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Elizabeth Jacks
President

WYATT—Hope Johnston, widow of the late Judge Inzer B. Wyatt, Jr. Died in New York on September 26, 2004. Burial in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama, October 2nd.

In Memoriam
RUTKE—Helga. A year has passed and you are missed and loved by all your friends.
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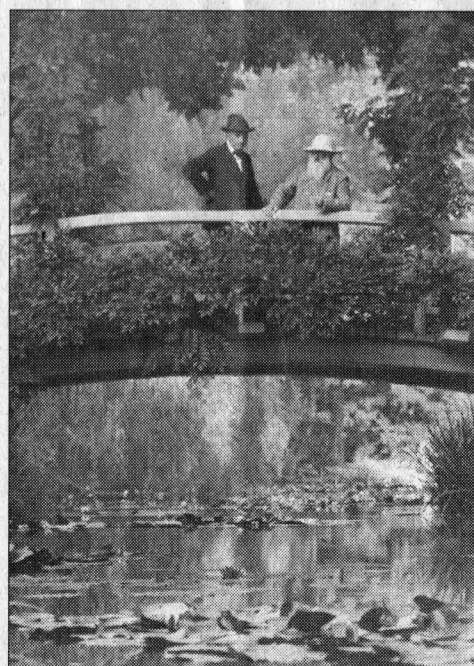


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