

Joyce,

My name is Edward Blandford and I worked for Stuart as an undergraduate DOE fellow in 2000-2002 on the KamLAND experiment. I was extremely sorry to hear of Stuart's passing and wanted to let you know how influential he was in my life as a young scientist and engineer even though I played a very small part in his world. I hope you don't mind me emailing you ... I am good friends with Noam Pines who I understand is a good friend of your son Paul and he gave me your email address after we connected the dots.

I applied for a DOE fellowship to come to LBL in 2000 to work on the KamLAND project and Stuart graciously took me on. I was not the most qualified student nor the sharpest but I think Stuart liked my drive and interest. Through Stuart, I got the chance to spend 8 weeks in Japan working on KamLAND. Talk about an amazing experience! In fact, I currently write this email from Hiroshima where I am on a work trip and much of my familiarity and love of Japan can be traced directly back to those 8 weeks in Toyama. Stuart was an incredible inspiration and so brilliant. I will always remember his ability to answer question by asking particularly prescient follow-up questions even though I know he knew the answer.

While I eventually moved on from my nuclear science endeavors to work more on nuclear engineering applications, those 2 years at LBL/UCB will be the most pivotal years of my professional career and years that I look back on with tremendous fondness. I currently am a nuclear engineering professor at the University of New Mexico and I can say unequivocally that I would not be in my current position if it were not for the opportunities and interactions I had with Stuart. While I was a very small blip on his radar, the insights, experiences, and confidence your husband gave me had a permanent impact. I am very sorry for your loss.

Best

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