

Obituary for Prof. Mark Robbins



Dear Fellow Tribologists,

Tribology Society of India deeply regrets to inform the passing away of Prof. Mark Robbins of the Johns Hopkins University. Prof. Robbins passed away at his home on the morning of the 13th of August 2020. He worked on the atomistic aspects of friction. Prof. Robbins ("Mark" to colleagues) was a person who could explain to a layman what friction meant at the atomistic level. A close associate of Prof Satish Kailas, Vice President (TSI), he was always keen to participate in TSI events and had readily accepted our request to deliver an invited talk in IndiaTrib 2019, which sadly would be his last appearance in a TSI program.

The untimely passing away of Prof. Robbins will be a big loss to the global Tribology community. He is survived by his wife Patricia McGuiggan, son Thomas and daughter Catherine. The TSI Executive Committee and all Members extend their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

May God give strength to his family to bear this terrible and untimely loss!

May the departed soul rest in eternal peace.
Om Shanti Shanti Shanti...

