



Shigeji Fujita PhD

May 15, 1929 - October 10, 2023

Dr. Shigeji Fujita, age 94, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, with his devoted family at his side. He was born on Wednesday May 15, 1929, in Oita Japan. The son of the late Shigeto and Makio [nee Eyama] Fujita. Dr. Fujita was a Physics Professor at SUNY Buffalo.

Beloved husband of Sachiko Fujita, father of Michio [Karen], Isao, Yoshiko [George], and Eriko [Kurt], and grandfather to Maya and Kazuki

After receiving a BS in physics from Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan he came to the U.S. in 1956 with a US-Japan Fulbright award to pursue a PhD at the University of Maryland in College Park. Sachiko, who he had met in Fukuoka, came to join and marry him in 1958. After receiving his PhD and spending a year at Northwestern University as a research associate, they moved to Belgium for Shigeji to become a Senior Research Associate at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles, in the lab of Ilya Prigogine [1977 Chemistry Nobel prize recipient], from 1960 - 1964. It was an exciting place to be for a physicist, with opportunities to meet scientific heroes like Niels Bohr and Richard Feynman. Shigeji and Sachiko loved their time in Belgium, enjoying new cultural experiences and Europe, and making lots of friends and colleagues.

They returned to the US in 1964 for Shigeji to assume visiting professor positions at both Penn State University and the University of Oregon, before coming to SUNY Buffalo in 1966. Shigeji became a full Professor in the UB

Physics Department in 1968. He retired in 2010 after 44 years at UB. Shigeji was a theoretical physicist with research interests in non-equilibrium statistical mechanics and condensed matter theory including superconductivity. If you had the slightest interest, or he thought you might, he would love to talk to you about Fermi surfaces.

Besides physics, Shigeji loved being outdoors with his family, hiking in the mountains, camping, downhill and XC skiing. After he and Sachiko moved to Canterbury Woods in 2019, he walked daily around the pond regardless of the weather. He also enjoyed traveling farther afield; he and Sachiko loved visiting local and natural parks, and they went often to Japan, Mexico, and Europe [he especially loved the Alps]. One memorable overseas sojourn was five months in Moscow on a National Academy of Sciences exchange in 1976; being in the Soviet Union was an eye-opening experience for the family. He and Sachiko were longtime season ticket holders for the Buffalo Philharmonic, and he was a big fan of the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres.

A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor on Saturday, November 4th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in Coventry Hall at Canterbury Woods at 705 Renaissance Drive Williamsville New York 14221. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite local, state or national park.

Family and friends are invited to sign the on-line guest book, share a favorite memory of Dr. Fujita and light a tribute candle here on his tribute page.

Final arrangements have been entrusted to the Kevin M. Mason Funeral Home 154 Weimar Street Buffalo New York 14206. [716] 362-0199 Fax: [716] 462-5355 Email: kevinmmason@yahoo.com www.kevinmmasonfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Canterbury Woods Coventry Hall
705 Renaissance Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221

Tribute Wall



“ Professor Fujita was a regular fixture in Fronczak Hall. He was welcoming of his students and kept an open door for all. Being his grad student with an office just a few doors away, I saw him almost every day for over 5 years reading or scribbling meticulously. He was patient with us who had difficulty understanding his "theory" but sometimes made a cryptic little "saying" that left us smiling. Nobody had a negative thing about him - he was always supportive of our ideas and always wanted to help.

I will always remember him with nothing but fondness ... he was sweet and kind and decent!

SHYAMAL CHAUDHURY - January 13, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shigeji Fujita PhD.

November 22, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Shigeji Fujita PhD.



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“ My condolences to the Fujita family on the passing of Shigeji. After reading his obituary online from the funeral home, I had no idea what an accomplished physicist he was. I knew Michio & the family when we were kids living on Mahogany Dr. in the late 60's / early 70's, playing sandlot sports games with the other kids in the neighborhood, but Lost touch with Michio after the family moved to a larger home. Praying your family is doing well after suffering the loss of Shigeji, and all the best to your family in the future.

Warren & Ann Seward, Clarence, NY

Warren Seward - October 30, 2023 at 01:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shigeji Fujita PhD.

October 30, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shigeji Fujita PhD.

October 24, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shigeji Fujita PhD.



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 Surajit
Sen

“ *Shigeji was my colleague since 1993. He was extremely kind and supportive of me always and he'll be fondly remembered for his kind nature.* ”

Surajit Sen - October 20, 2023 at 05:51 PM

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“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May you be comforted by all the cherished memories you hold so very dear.* ”



Kevin Mason, Staff and Family - October 13, 2023 at 05:33 AM