



Andras Farago

March 6, 1952 - January 21, 2024

Dr. Andras Farago was known by some as “Papi (daddy),” “Medve/Maci (bear),” “Nagypapi (granddaddy),” “Andras,” and “Dr. Farago”. He was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1952, into a Jewish family of Holocaust survivors. Andras earned a PhD in electrical engineering from the Technical University of Budapest in 1981 and worked there as a professor for many years. In 1998, he joined the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Computer Science Department and resettled his family to the US. Andras was teaching and researching until the end of the fall 2023 semester, when his diagnosis surfaced.

Andras loved to travel, try various cuisines from across the world, listen to smooth jazz, play chess, go on walks, and spend time with his family (most recently, with his grandbaby, Georgie or Gyuri, named after his own father). Andras was an avid reader, a sharp theoretician and productive researcher, a doting and loving father and husband, and a gentle soul with a keen sense of humor and wit. He was an independent thinker and problem solver his entire life, even in hospice, where he defied all expectations of life expectancy and left us much too soon.

Andras’ dark humor didn’t fail him in the midst of his brief struggle with pancreatic cancer. He called himself “Mr. Goner” from the initial diagnosis and joked that he may or may not live to see the next U.S. presidential election.

He was officially diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of pancreatic cancer called acinar cell carcinoma in December, so his predictions tragically turned out to be true.

He will be terribly missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and students.

He is survived by Mrs. Farago Gyorgy (mother), Andrea Farago (sister), Zsuzsanna Garai (wife), Fanni Farago (daughter) & partner Fernando Tapia, Flora Farago (daughter) & partner Jim Edmonds, and Peter Farago (son). His spirit and jokes will live on in our hearts and his legacy will continue via his grandson, Georgie (Gyorgy) Farago Edmonds, his family, and his prolific research on algorithms, wireless networks, and other complex topics in computer science. He was preceded in death by Gyorgy Farago (father).

The family requests that jokes, stories, delicious food, music, and smiles be shared in his honor.

The family plans to establish a scholarship honoring Andras. To support this initiative, please visit <https://gofund.me/9fdcea89>

Tribute Wall

ZC

“ *In loving memory of Dr. Farago, a brilliant mentor and a guiding light in my academic journey. His unwavering support allowed me to complete my PhD studies, for which I am forever grateful. Under his expert supervision, I delved into the world of algorithms and research, learning invaluable lessons that shaped my academic pursuits. Dr. Farago's knowledge and wisdom were instrumental, and his impact on my life will always be cherished. Though he may no longer be with us, his legacy lives on in the lives he touched.*

Zhiming Chen - April 19, 2024 at 04:23 AM

MT

“ *It was always a pleasure to be with Andras.... his humor, his intelligence, his curiosity, his understanding and empathy, his joy of food and adventure, his global awareness, his enthusiastic and optimistic approach to life, his pride of his heritage and his family, his genuine childlike happiness when he talked about his grandson Georgie... Andras was a wonderful person filled with love and caring for all. We experienced his empathic caring every week when he would bring us food and sit and listen as we trudged through Mike's cancer treatment. And we remember the sincere joy and wonder he expressed and shared with us when Mike's cancer went into remission.*

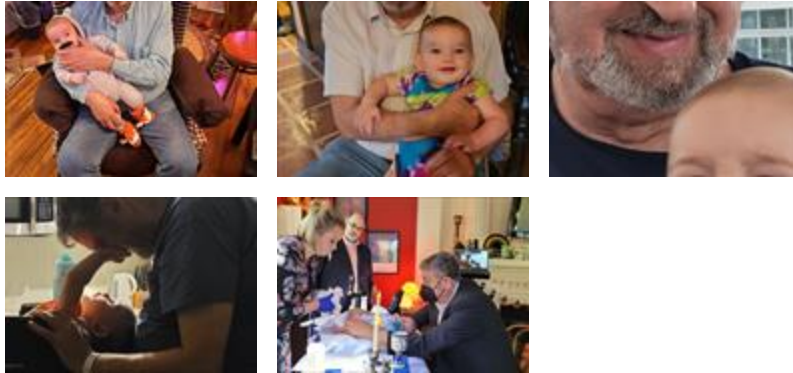
Andras is a tender soul and a great friend who will be greatly missed.

Mike and Trish

Mike and Trish - January 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM

Jl

“ 13 files added to the album *Andras & Georgie (mostly)*



Jim - January 24, 2024 at 10:50 PM

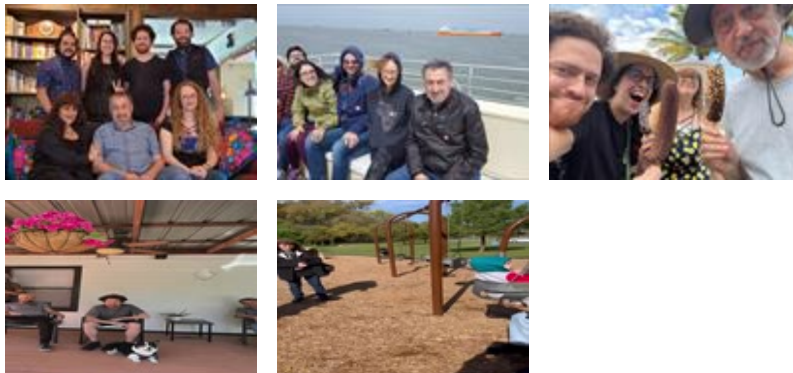
KO

“ *I am forever indebted to Andras and Zsuzsa for their love and care of my parents. Andras was always willing to pop over and help. He was so loving and kind. He will be missed.*

Kathleen ozsvath - January 24, 2024 at 10:19 PM

FF

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Flora Farago - January 24, 2024 at 03:39 PM

ME

“ Thank you, András for having raised three wonderful kids, including my best friend! She has your intellect, grit, humor and the kindest heart. I spent some of my best summer holidays at your house and traveling with you and your family. You will be dearly missed and remembered! Örök hála és szeretet! Mesi

Mesi - January 24, 2024 at 02:17 PM

RM

“ A good father to a close friend. I will remember a powerful intellect, a patient demeanour, and a good heart.

Robby Meshbane - January 22, 2024 at 06:19 PM

IM

Mr. Farago: Kind and polite, with unique sense of humor: A man of a few but very well selected words. An adventurer and with big and loving heart for his family.

Imelda - January 22, 2024 at 09:18 PM

FR

May his name always be a blessing.

Faith Retsky - January 22, 2024 at 11:33 PM

WO

I was always very proud we were able to recruit Dr. Farago to UTD while I was dean. He brought deep theoretical knowledge to the school as well as being a great professor for the students. Andras played a leadership role in the Johnsson School establishing the first ABET accredited Telecom Engineering program in the United States.

You will be missed my friend,
William Osborne

William Osborne - January 24, 2024 at 11:49 AM

GG

Dr Andras Farago was such a wonderful colleague, always willing to listen, offering unique insights, and with a great sense of humor. A great researcher, who kept publishing interesting research results till the very end. It's hard to believe that he is gone. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Dr. Farago. -Gopal Gupta

Gopal Gupta - January 24, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AN

Andras was a good friend for many years. Our common interest in random graphs and probabilistic algorithms on graphs led to countless insightful discussions stretching over many years here at UTD. His unalloyed joy in new mathematical discoveries, either his own or others, was infectious and made him a delight to speak to. He will be greatly missed. -Aria Nosratinia

Aria NOSRATINIA - January 24, 2024 at 11:33 PM

OD

Andras has left us but his spirited humor and kind manner will stay with us forever. He was a wonderful colleague, a fiend to many, and an outstanding teacher and researcher. Rest in peace dear Andras.

Ovidiu Daescu - January 28, 2024 at 12:11 PM

AK

*Andras and Zsuzxana were good friends to my son Lawrence and I for many years. We enjoyed many great conversations and meals together.
Andras was a genuine and caring person who went out of his way to assist others. He was a scholar and it was great to get in conversations with him. He was a awesome family man who loved his family and was so happy to have his first grandson Georgie.
It's unfortunate that he was taken too soon from his family and friends by cancer, far too soon. He will be missed but not forgotten.
Andras rest in peace.*

Alice King - January 28, 2024 at 11:01 PM

RC

*A Brilliant intellect; a gentle soul; a smiling face; always willing to help; in short a great human being!
A great collector of fine books in CS related Mathematics.*

Andras: All of us in CS at UTD will miss you!

R. Chandrasekaran

R. Chandrasekaran - January 29, 2024 at 04:18 PM

NM

Dr. Farago was my PhD advisor at UTD. He is a very smart person and very easy to work with. His knowledge repository, especially in theoretical CS is so vast. His papers are of top quality. He gave a lots of useful inputs for my research and career. I always admire his communication skills and I imbibed some of them as well. He does not require me to make any appointment to meet with him for research discussion. Whenever I had something to discuss, I could stop by his door and ask him whether he has some time to discuss. He will give a smile and say yes, and I can sit right away to discuss. He never displayed any ego! He gives complete freedom to work on any topic that is of interest to the student. He is very passionate about his research. Even after graduation, I was in regular touch with him. I surely miss him; the thought that he is no more makes me feel so nostalgic and reminds me of those wonderful days I had as his PhD student, working in his lab. Even after 22 years since I knew him, I still could not find a professor who is so smart, but down to earth like him. May his soul rest in peace! Thank you very much Dr. Farago for everything you gave me and the career I have now!

Natarajan Meghanathan - March 20, 2024 at 01:41 AM