



# Tibor Koritsanszky

June 2, 2021

Tibor Koritsanszky, age 66, passed away June 2, 2021 at St Thomas Rutherford Hospital. He was born in Hungary and a resident of Rutherford County. Tibor was a Professor at Middle Tennessee State University in Chemistry.

Tibor was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin Koritsanszky and Eva Gaa'l. He is survived by his wife, Maria Malnai Koritsanszky; sons, David Koritsanszky and Adam Koritsanszky; and daughter Luca Koritsanszky.

Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 820 S. Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422 Please leave online condolences at [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com).

# Comments

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“ He was a great professor. I took his PChem course. I learned a lot of things from him. My deep condolence to his family.

**Mohammad Salauddin Kader** - September 03, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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“ I was a student in Dr Koritsansky's Pchem 2 course S2018. It was a hard class, but I talked with him often, and I always had the chance for help as long as I did the work myself and couldn't come up with a solution.

I ended up with a B in the course. I was going to talk to him on my return to MTSU in August, which is how I discovered this. I had hoped to see him again.

**Aaron Bennett** - July 20, 2021 at 12:10 AM

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“ To Maria and Tibor's family,

Dr. Tibor Koritsanszky's sudden passing was the biggest shock of my life. He is a great friend and colleague and a significant part of reason I like Murfreesboro. When I was still a new faculty member at MTSU, he told me "I am really glad you are here.". That truly warmed my heart, as I did not have any acquaintance in the area. Tibor cared about students and their education, a constant topic whenever we got together. He is a serious thinker, and tried to discuss with me about whether atoms were real. I found the topic a bit too much even though my research area is pretty fundamental (Now I regret I did not try to further the discussions). But he had some impressive features that I found more appealing, and that I often use as sort of standards. He could chug down beer fast. Often he would have finished two bottles of beer when I was still on my first. He could handle very hot pepper. I always thought I was not bad at handling spicy food until one time I bit a tiny piece of the hot pepper Tibor was having, and it burned my lips for hours. He was a very good cyclist and showed me some of the mountain-biking trails in the area. Whenever we went out on trails, he would be out of sight quickly, and had to stop and wait for me and others to catch up. That is even more impressive considering his advanced age. Another outdoor activity in middle Tennessee he showed me was canoeing. One time we inadvertently passed the point where we parked the car, and had to walk a few miles to get it (That was embarrassing.) He liked to joke around with people he was familiar with. I did not always get his jokes but that was ok because he would laugh at his own jokes, which was kind of funny to me anyway. I am going to terribly miss him for Intellectually stimulating conversations, and having fun together.

Jing Kong

Jing Kong - June 14, 2021 at 10:03 AM

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“ Our hearts and love go out to our neighbors The Koritsanszky's . We will miss seeing Tibor walking the neighborhood with Maria almost daily. He always waved and smiled. No words can replace his passing.

Guy and Becky Goff - June 13, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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“ Tibi was my best friend. We have met when we both served a year in the military right after high school. We have spent five fun years in college studying how alcohol consumption affects preparation for tests and exams. We went camping in the Tatra mountains. I took one of the best and most memorable trips of my life with Tibi in the summer of 1979 backpacking and hopping trains for a month through Switzerland, France, Spain and Italy.

My heart breaks for Mari, Luca, Adam and David. I am so sorry for your loss!

Poszmik Gyuri

George Poszmik - June 13, 2021 at 10:02 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tibor Koritsanszky.



June 11, 2021 at 03:27 PM

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“ I have know Tibor since he came to MTSU in 2002. Our research worlds couldn't have been further apart, but we still became close friends. Our families got to know each other and my wife Brenda, and Tibor's wife Maria, became good friends. Tibor and I have spent a lot of time together over the last several years biking, hiking, lunching, and drinking beer. He truly was a special person that made me laugh like no one I have ever known. I will miss his wit and sense of humor. Our hearts go out to our friends, the Koritsanszky family (Maria, David, Adam, Luca).

-John DiVincenzo

John DiVincenzo - June 10, 2021 at 12:06 PM

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“ I admired Tibor for his steadfastness for challenging others to aim high. This trait was especially important when we served together to formulate the first Ph.D. programs in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences at MTSU. He was a great scientist and person and will be missed immensely. My deepest condolences to his family.

Jeffrey Walck - June 09, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ I saw Dr. Koritsanszky almost every day while studying or working in the Chemistry department. I never had him as a professor, but he was always very kind to me. He always gave me a daily wave or nod when he passed by - a small gesture that I'll miss. He will be missed by so many. My thoughts are with his family during this time.

Laine Matthews - June 08, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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“ I was truly saddened by the news. My deep condolences to the bereaved family. Dr. Koritsanszky taught me a physical chemistry and he was one of the best and coolest professor that I ever know. You will be always missed. Rest in Peace , Dr. Koritsanszky.

oscar karki - June 08, 2021 at 04:21 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Tibor Koritsanszky.



June 07, 2021 at 06:01 PM

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“ He was a great professor. I did my master's thesis under him. He will be always missed

naeyma - June 07, 2021 at 05:39 PM

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“ To Tibor Koritsanszky's Family - I was with him at the accident scene and prayed over him with other individuals. I told him I was there with him the entire time until he left for the hospital. I could feel his energy and did not know how to contact you. I promised him I would not leave his side and if there is anything I can do, please let me know. May God comfort you in the only way he know how to and please know I have been praying non-stop for you and his friends.

**Jessica Bare Williams** - June 07, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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“ Tibor has started his scientific carrier in crystallography in Hungary in the research group of Professor Alajos Kálmán. Although he left Hungary he remained an everlasting member of the group, his memory is kept for ever. May his soul rest in peace. Ószinte együttérzésünk az egész családnak.  
On behalf of the Hungarian research group: Petra Bombicz

**Petra Bombicz** - June 06, 2021 at 05:05 PM

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“ A real tragedy! Tibor was a brilliant scholar and a great person. My deepest condolences to Maria and their children!  
Andrei Korobkov

**Andrei Korobkov** - June 06, 2021 at 12:37 AM

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“ Angelica Aguila purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Tibor Koritsanszky.



**Angelica Aguila** - June 05, 2021 at 04:03 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tibor Koritsanszky.



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“ When I met Tibor at the 1992 Gordon Conference on Electron Distributions and Chemical Bonding in Plymouth, New Hampshire, we presented very complementary research, and I knew then that we would have a long and collaborative friendship. Neither of us could've known how geographically close it would be! Nor could we have known that our children would've enjoyed going to school together in Bell Buckle, Tennessee! Working with Tibor on major scientific and academic projects at MTSU has been a great honour for me, and I only wish that it could've gone on longer!

The MacDougall family extends its love and condolences to the Koritsanszky family at this terribly difficult time.

**Preston MacDougall** - June 04, 2021 at 05:31 PM

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“ My name is Emil Proynov. I am a contract faculty in the same department as Tibor. We worked in similar fields of theoretical/computational Chemistry. We frequently would get together with him and discuss various topics of Science and life. He always made the impression of a sharp and deep thinker, often out of the box. And he was a very good straightforward person. May his soul rest in peace. My deep condolences to all of his family.

**Emil Proynov** - June 04, 2021 at 04:41 PM

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“ Deepest sympathy in your time of loss. The grief and the separation from a loved one is hard to bear. May you remember him in many ways and may those memories bring you comfort. Mary Martin

**Mary Martin** - June 04, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ Öszinte részvétem az egész családnak.

**Piroska Devay** - June 07, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ I was devastated to learn of the passing of Prof. Tibor Koritsanszky (by pure coincidence) as I noticed a dedication to his memory. Tibor will be missed by the crystallographic community, but his oeuvre is here to stay as a testimonial of his brilliance. Thank you Tibor, RIP. My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends.

Chérif F. Matta, Halifax, NS (Canada)

**Cherif Matta** - August 06, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear the sad news, as I'm sure will be many in the wider scientific community around the world who knew Tibor over the years. My interactions with Tibor were at various scientific conferences in the late 80s and 90s, during which time we worked in the same research field. It was clear then that Tibor was a top scientist and a very engaging person, who it was always interesting to spend time with. My condolences to all the Koritsanszky family.

Lee Brammer (University of Sheffield)

**Lee Brammer** - October 08, 2021 at 07:10 AM



“ Thank you Tibor! We shared so much, twins in mind and in philosophy and we sure knew how to celebrate life. You were unique in so many ways and I am happy I could live alongside you for those years we had in common.

Now shoot for the stars were you belong!

"Our revels now are ended. These our actors,  
As I foretold you, were all spirits and  
Are melted into air, into thin air:  
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,  
The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Ye all which it inherit, shall dissolve  
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on, and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep."

[The Tempest, W. Shakespeare]

Karl Wilhelm Törnroos

**Karl Wilhelm Törnroos** - October 14, 2021 at 05:34 PM