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tamwuff

#21 May 6, 2016



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You guys rock. Hugs to you all.

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Monique, chasrob, D H and 41 others like this.

13Nike

#22 May 6, 2016

tamwuff said: 

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That's sad to hear. Your father sounds like a good man. RIP Marcus

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1oldman2, vanhees71, Evo and 1 other person like this.

## Buzz Bloom

#23 May 6, 2016



895 / 85

I always found Marcus's posts very helpful. Even though I never got to know him personally, I feel as though I have lost a friend.

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1oldman2, vanhees71, Yashbhatt and 3 others like this.

## Stephanus

#24 May 6, 2016



1,116 / 60

Oh dear. I didn't know.

Good bye Marcus. You've helped me so much in this forum. May you find peace on you next journey.

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1oldman2, vanhees71, Drakkith and 2 others like this.

## Greg Bernhardt

#25 May 6, 2016



Staff: Admin

tamwuff said: ↑

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Thank you very much for the update @tamwuff, my deepest condolences.

This makes me tear up. Dissolves the disconnect we suffer from being an internet community. Shows how much real life impact we really have on each other that we don't even know about.

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chasrob, russ\_watters, acegikmoqsuwy and 12 others like this.

## Stephanus

#26 May 6, 2016



Dear @tamwuff

My deepest condolence for you. Marcus had helped not just this forum, but many members here learning science and increase their knowledge and their curiosity.

And everytime many other and I learn science and read Marcus' post, Marcus' spirit will still alive. Now and ever.

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1oldman2, Greg Bernhardt, vanhees71 and 1 other person like this.

## Evo

#27 May 6, 2016

tamwuff said: ↑



27,008 / 1,166

Staff: Mentor

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You guys rock. Hugs to you all.

My deepest sympathies for you and your family. Your father was an extraordinary man. You have a lot to be proud of.

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*People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*

*Maya Angelou*

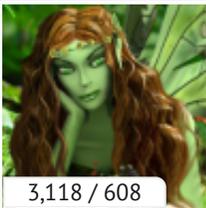
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1oldman2, Fervent Freyja, Astronuc and 5 others like this.

lisab

#28 May 6, 2016



3,118 / 608

Staff Emeritus  
Science Advisor  
Gold Member

I'm so sad hearing this 🙄. He was a legend here.

tamwuff said: ↑

You guys rock. Hugs to you all.

My sympathies, tamwuff, and condolences to you and all Marcus's loved ones.

*OmCheeto called to inform me I owe him for several chewed up lawn gnomes and several littering fines.*

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1oldman2, Greg Bernhardt, vanhees71 and 4 others like this.

## Bandersnatch

#29 May 6, 2016



1,671 / 557

Science Advisor  
Gold Member

That neither of us is an island never rang truer than today. We've lost the perfect educator, as willing to share his knowledge as he was selfless.

*Physics is what makes magic mundane, and reality - magical.*

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1oldman2, Jimster41, Evo and 4 others like this.

## atyy

#30 May 6, 2016



11,736 / 784

Science Advisor

Thank tamwuff for the update. My condolences to you and your family. I am very glad to have known marcus through PF.

BTW, marcus, if by any chance you are getting to ask God about whether LQG is right, do drop us a hint. Though of course not sure whether that answer would necessarily be right (going by the famous story with Pauli) <http://math.bu.edu/people/jeffs/joke.html> 🍀

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1oldman2, blue\_leaf77, maline and 4 others like this.

## Shyan

#31 May 6, 2016



2,318 / 377

Insights Author  
Gold Member

This is sad...This is shocking! 🙏🙏🙏

I've always imagined him as an enthusiastic kid who is amazed with all the cool toys he's playing with. When you read his scientific posts, you really could feel all the excitement and amazement he had about science.

He was great! This is a big loss! 🙏🙏🙏

I don't know what else to say.

R.I.P. dear Marcus!

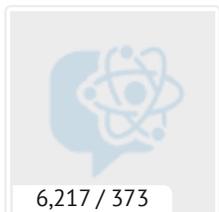
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1oldman2, Evo, Greg Bernhardt and 5 others like this.

PAllen

#32 May 6, 2016



6,217 / 373

 Science Advisor  
 Gold Member

I cannot imagine PF in general or BTSM in particular without Marcus. He and bcrowell were my first PF friends, big part of what kept me here. Nothing I can say would do justice to the loss 🥀🥀🥀🥀

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1oldman2, Astronuc, dlgooff and 3 others like this.

houlahound

#33 May 6, 2016



343 / 40

Condolences.

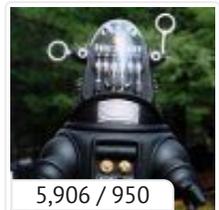
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1oldman2, Evo and Greg Bernhardt like this.

jedishrfu

#34 May 6, 2016



5,906 / 950

**Staff: Mentor**

I am sad that I never got to interact with him since my understanding of relativity is so weak.

@tamwuff you lost a great friend and an even greater dad. My heart goes out to you. Take care.

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*Your choice is simple: join us and live in peace, or pursue your present course and face obliteration. We shall be waiting for your answer. The decision rests with you.*

*Klaatu, The Day The Earth Stood Still (1951)*

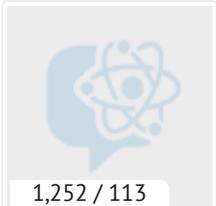
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1oldman2, Astronuc, Evo and 1 other person like this.

haushofer

#35 May 7, 2016



1,252 / 113

Science Advisor

Sad to hear Marcus passed away. I think he was an example of friendliness and willingness to explain. @ Tamwuff: wish you all the strength you need for the time to come!

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1oldman2, Astronuc, Evo and 1 other person like this.

Orodruin

#36 May 7, 2016



7,225 / 1,583

Insights Author

Staff: Mentor

Very sad to hear about this. Although we did not cross paths in the forums many times, it was always clear that he was a role model and incredibly valuable to the forum in terms of both knowledge and spirit. My strongest condolences.

*A child of five would understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five. -- Groucho Marx*

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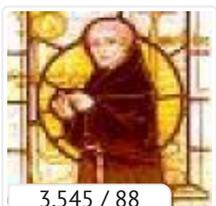
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1oldman2, Astronuc, Evo and 1 other person like this.

Garth

#37 May 7, 2016



3,545 / 88

Science Advisor

Gold Member

What a loss - a truly inquisitive mind - a great loss to PF and to me personally, tamwuff please pass on all our condolences to your family.

Garth

*Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem.*

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1oldman2, Astronuc, Evo and 2 others like this.

Dale

#38 May 7, 2016



21,708 / 1,179

Insights Author

Staff: Mentor

tamwuff said: ↑

*Hi everyone -- Marcus's son here. Thank you all for the love and warmth here in this thread*

My condolences and sympathy. Thank you for letting us know. My heart goes out to you and your family.

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1oldman2, Doc AI, Astronuc and 3 others like this.

bapowell

#39 May 7, 2016



2,044 / 179

Science Advisor  
Insights Author  
2015 Award

Patient, friendly, modest, and overflowing with knowledge. I'm very sad to hear this. We'll miss you Marcus.

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1oldman2, Astronuc, Evo and 2 others like this.

QuantumQuest

#40 May 7, 2016



151 / 62

My sincere condolences . I really learned a lot from *Marcus* posts and I think that a great lot of people here have learned from his very well informed and accurate answers and posts. May he rest in peace.

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1oldman2, Astronuc, Evo and 3 others like this.

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