

Could you please say some words for Mike

Mike, my friend,

Excuse me, but it was not possible for me to come this special day.

I met you in 1989 as invited Professor in my laboratory in Paris. You came then regularly for 1 to 3 months during 10 years, and often you came with Marianne, it was always a pleasure to see you both.

You were a giant in Seed Biology but always a humble man. The first time you came, we were impressed, but we met a so nice man, charming and francophile. It was a wonderful period : after lunch we walk in « Quartier Latin » some time drinking a beer (you were a specialist !!) and often at the end of the day we discussed science with Daniel Côme in front of a whisky. You asked to speak French out of the lab, and English when we discussed Science!! I must say that your French was perfect... and that you were so kind to understand our « french-english ». All those who have worked with you will testify your generous spirit. I will remember you not only for your research and the books on Seed Biology you have written, but also for your open, warm and engaging personality, your charisma, your joy of living and your love of Science.

My friend you will be greatly missed by us all, your colleagues and the seed scientist community throughout the world.

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