

Stephen Hawking 1942-2018

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Stephen Hawking, a world renowned scientist has died at 76 on the 14th of March in his home during the early morning.

Hawking died from Motor Neurone Disease, which he was diagnosed with at 21 and was told he had few years left to live. 55 years later, he was still uncovering mysteries of the universe until he unfortunately passed away.

Motor Neurone Disease is degenerative and involves the eventual lessening of the strength of motor neurones in the brain and of muscles. People diagnosed are generally expected to live 2 to 5 years from the beginning of the illness. However, Hawking had a form of the disease that developed over more time, allowing him to live longer than expected.

During his life, Hawking had 3 children, Lucy, Robert and Timothy Hawking who have said that they are “deeply saddened at the death of our beloved father.”

Others also commented, including Neil Degrasse Tyson who said “His passing has left an intellectual vacuum in his wake. But it’s not empty.” and NASA saying “Remembering Stephen Hawking, a renowned physicist and ambassador of science.”

Finally, “It would not be much of a universe if it wasn’t home to the people you love.” - Stephen Hawking.