

## In memoriam: Jules Routbort

Argonne Senior Ceramicist Jules Routbort died suddenly March 1 at the age of 74.

"My father was a productive scientist and loving family man," said his son Mark. "He passionately loved his work, Argonne and the people who worked with him there."



He is survived by his wife Anja, son Mark and daughter Julia, and grandchildren Megan, Gabriel, Emily and Zachary.

Routbort worked in the Thermal Management Group of the Energy Systems Division, where he specialized in transportation, especially diesel and truck engines and propulsion systems materials. He studied nanofluids as cooling agents in engines and helped develop the award-winning Compact Oxygen Sensor, for which he received an R&D 100 Award in 2005.

Routbort was a senior associate editor for *Applied Physics Letters*, had served as associate editor of the *Journal of Hard Materials* (1989 – 1995) and *Journal of the American Ceramic Society* (1978 – 1990).

A memorial service will be Sunday, March 11, 2010, at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, Illinois. There will be an open time for reviewing photographs and memorabilia from Jules' life starting at 2 p.m., followed by a celebration in words and sharing of stories starting at 3 p.m. After the service, an informal reception will be held at Jules' and Anja's house at 10 S 260 Argonne Ridge Road, Willowbrook.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests considering a donation to the [Expanding Your Horizons](#) network, a non-profit organization originally started in Dr. Routbort's hometown of San Francisco, which sponsors university-based programs nationwide designed to encourage young women to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers:

Send condolences to [routbort@gmail.com](mailto:routbort@gmail.com).

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