Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
Please pass my deepest condolence to Gail and other family members. It is a great loss to computational science and engineering.

Sheldon Wang
Professor, McCoy School of Engineering
College of Science and Mathematics
Midwestern State University

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Ted will remain in my memory forever. It was a great privilege to have been allowed to work with him in the best understanding one can imagine. I will send a card to Gail and am with you and Ted's family in my thoughts. I will pass on the sad news to Wiley. Thank you for your friendship and loyalty. Keep well.

Jan deLandtsheer
former Publisher, Physical Sciences and Engineering
John Wiley and Sons Limited
Please transmit to Gail the sorrow and my deepest condolences. Ted was for a large community not just an academic leader. We will miss him a lot

Prof. Antonio Huerta

Laboratori de Calcul Numeric
Dept. Matematica Aplicada III, ETS de Ingenieros de Caminos
UPC-BarcelonaTECH

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
He was a great mentor and teacher to me and shaped who I am today. I have no words to express how sad this news is to me. Please pass on my sincerest regrets to Gail and the rest of Ted's family.

Robert Gracie
Assistant Professor
Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Waterloo
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
I send my deepest condolences to the family! Professor Belytschko has inspired me in every aspect of my research. I was very lucky to spend some time at Northwestern working as his postdoc. He was a true giant in our field. I am also glad we were able to honor him by organizing the symposium for his 70th birthday, while he was still present. I will deeply miss him.

Haim Waisman
Associate Professor, Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics
Columbia University, New York, NY

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
What a terrible loss to the entire world! Ted will be remembered as a giant legendary figure for a long long time by us and future generations. Please convey my sincere condolence to his family.

Dr. Qingda Yang
Associate Professor
Dept Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
University of Miami
Coral Gables, FL
Though this is the kind of mail you wish to never receive, thank you for letting me know. Could you please tell Gail and Ted's family how much I personally appreciated Ted for all he brought to me, as a man and as a professor. For all that I will be eternally thankful to him.

Jean-Philippe Ponthot  
a former post-doc of Ted  
Professeur  
Universite de Liege  
Aerospatiale et Mecanique/LTAS-MN2L  
Liege, BELGIUM
This is very sad news. We will remember Ted as a great scientist, who stimulated many others and who has always shown a lot of appreciation for the work of others. He was a great man. On behalf of the entire research group Mechanics of Materials of the Eindhoven University of Technology, we would like to express our condolences to Gail, Ted’s family and relatives, but also to the entire McCormick School of Engineering. Ted will continue to live in our memories!

Prof.dr.ir. Marc Geers
Mechanics of Materials
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Eindhoven University of Technology
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I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about the death of Ted. As you aware, I knew him since I arrived in the US and joined Ted-Wing's group of Northwestern University at 1997. He was such a generous and wise professor and senior to me while an absolute pioneer in the field of computational mechanics to the rest of the world. He is always alive in my heart and his great contributions to the academic field will shine on us forever. Please pass my deep condolence to Gail and other family members of Professor Ted Belytschko.

S. Hao, Ph.D.
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Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
Dora and I would like to express our deepest condolences. We are very saddened by Ted lost. We have a lot of good memories of him that will accompany us for the rest of our lives. Ted was instrumental in my hiring here at Northwestern and was always very supportive of my research and education endeavors. I always considered him the best mentor, colleague, and friend one can have. Ted had a similar influence on many others in the community, which made him a towering figure in the mechanics circles. I will do my best to follow his example in the years to come.

Horacio and Dora Espinosa
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Northwestern University

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I am truly very very saddened to hear this. We have lost a very dear friend. He will be sorely missed by everyone.

Arif Masud
Professor, and Robert H. Dodds Faculty Scholar
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Urbana, Illinois
It is with deep regret and sorrow that we hear the sad news of the passing away of our respected colleague and friend, Professor Ted Belytschko. He was a strong supporter of computational mechanics, a gentleman and scholar. He was a Giant in Mechanics and an ingenious engineer in the real sense. I was always proud of being taught computational mechanics through Ted's books and vast intellectual papers. He will be missed by our academic community.

George Z. Voyiadjis  
*Bingham C. Stewart Distinguished Professor*  
*Chairman*  
*Louisiana State University*  
*Baton Rouge, LA*  

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I was deeply influenced by his spirit, enthusiasm and intuition to research during my time with him. It is my great sadness to hear of this news. My thoughts and prayers are with him.

Goangseup Zi
Korea University
Civil Engineering
Seoul, Korea

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
Ted was truly a great person. He was always so caring, especially to young people, particularly graduate students. I really loved Ted. Please convey my deepest sympathies to his family.

Tarek I. Zohdi
Chair of the UCB Computational Science & Engineering Program, Professor of Mechanical Engineering
University of California at Berkeley
Berkeley, CA

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I am really sorry about this sad news. Prof. Belytschko was a great mentor for me and I owe him a lot. I am sad that I was not able to see him recently any more. I would like to give my condolences to Prof. Belytschko’s family.

Timon Rabczuk
Chair of Computational Mechanics
Bauhaus Universität-Weimar
Weimer, Germany
I’m really sorry to hear of Ted’s passing. Like everyone who had the chance to meet him, I really admired his personal kindness and scientific brilliance. Few people can be as productive as he was throughout his life. May his soul find peace and comfort. Thinking of Gail and you during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy

Jörg F. Unger
BAM Federal Institute for Material Research
Berlin, Germany
I am sad. I remember him very well. He gave me through my postdocs 2007-2010 in his group, the best experience in my life. I remember many things/speech/jokes he told me during the three years I spent in his research group. When windsurfing by chance with him at NU: “Thomas, why do you think I hire postdocs? They do research while I do windsurfing” lol That was not very funny, because I was windsurfing too. In his office, Friday 4.30pm: “Thomas, finish that work for beginning of next week. Let’s say Monday 10am. That works? If not, there are flights at O’Hare for Europe.” Lol Apart from these numerous little stories, there were also amazing rich discussions with him. When he used to take a white paper to start to write a part of an article, that was always great to see him “just writing an article like that”. So easy. That was stunning. He was my amazing boss. I was only one of his numerous postdocs. I shall never forget about him. My deepest condolences to the family.

Thomas Menouillard

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Geneva, Switzerland

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I am devastated by the news. I will always remember Ted as someone so full of life, and I feel very fortunate for having been under his guidance. Best wishes,

Marino Arroyo
Associate Professor
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya-BarcelonaTech (UPC), LaCàN
Barcelona, Spain

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I was a postdoc of Wing Liu at Northwestern between 2005-2008 and am now a colleague of Pat Smolinski at University of Pittsburgh. During my postdoc, I came to know Ted very well because Wing had me worked on several proposals together with Ted. I am deeply saddened about Ted’s passing. He’s such a great professor and a great person with a great sense of humor. I learnt a lot about computational mechanics from him and have been deeply influenced by his philosophy on research and teaching. Besides research, I loved to talk to Ted because his jokes made me laugh so hard every time! He also wrote recommendation letters for my assistant professor job application and my tenure promotion, for which I am forever grateful. I will sorely miss him, but I know his spirits will be forever with us.

Albert To
Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I am very sad with what occurred. He made genuine personal sacrifices and influenced several generations of researchers and the Industry. His work was profound and respected. It was a true honor to be a small part of the process. With my Kindest Regards,

Pedro Areias
Professor Auxiliar
Director of Mechatronics M.Sc.
Physics Department
University of Évora
Évora, Portugal

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
We are so fortunate to have shared a part of our lives with Ted and we are all vastly enriched because of it. I cherish the interactions, the discussions, the friendly arguments, not just for the intellectual benefits - and they were many - but also for the sheer unbridled joy that Ted brought to them and passed on to us. May he rest in peace. Deepest condolences from Brian, Trish and Noel

Brian Moran, PhD
Dean of Graduate Affairs
Professor of Mechanical Engineering
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
Thuwal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I am shocked to hear this very sad news! I still remember having wine and cheese at your home with Ted and Gail during my visit at Northwestern in Spring 2009. It is a tremendous loss to the mechanics community.

Huajian Gao
Walter H. Annenberg Professor of Engineering
Brown University
Providence, RI
This is a sad day for mechanics and for me personally. Ted’s legacy will endure, I will remember him fondly.

Michael Ortiz
Frank and Ora-Lee Marble Professor of Aeronautics and Mechanical Engineering
California Institute of Technology
Pasadena, CA
This is very sad news. Ted was inspirational and will be sorely missed.

Norman Fleck
Professor
Engineering Department,
University of Cambridge
Cambridge, England
It is with great sadness that I heard of the bad news. This is indeed a terrible day for our field and for science as a whole. Ted was a spectacular researcher, a devoted Mechanician and a loyal friend and colleague who has served as a role model for most of the mechanics community. He will be sorely missed.

Ares J. Rosakis
Theodore von Karman Professor of Aeronautics and Mechanical Engineering CalTech
Pasadena CA

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
This is a great loss for all of us and the computational mechanics community.

Kaspar Willam
Hugh Roy and Lillie Cranz Cullen Distinguished Professor
Interim Department Chair
UH Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Houston, TX
I am deeply saddened to lose a cherished friend and colleague; one of a kind.

Roberto Ballarini
Professor
UH Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Houston, TX
What a courageous fight Ted held these last years and what a tremendous legacy he left. All will miss him deeply.

Richard Christensen
Emeritus Professor, SAACL
Aeronautics & Astronautics
Stanford University

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
Indeed Ted’s passing is a huge loss for the entire Mechanics community and Computational Mechanics in particular. He creations and contributions are exemplary. Many of us have grown up following Ted’s creative masterpieces and implementing them in our own research. I am personally indebted to him for his inspiration and friendship that I will cherish always. With deep condolences to the Belytschko family

Somnath Ghosh  
*Michael G. Callas Chair Professor*  
*Johns Hopkins University*  
*Baltimore, MD*

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I was very sad to learn about Ted Belytschko's passing away. My sadness is shared by my colleagues from the Institute of Materials and Structures of Vienna University of Technology. I vividly recall Dick Gallagher's comment on two young men in computational mechanics in the mid seventies - one of them being Ted - who worked "25 hours per day" at full speed and with a host of sparkling new scientific ideas. It was not much later that I got to know Ted personally, admiring his outstanding research activities and appreciating his friendly attitude. The many awards and honors which be received are expressions of acknowledgment of his impressive scientific achievements. It makes me very sad to think about how difficult the last years must have been for Ted. With deep condolences to the Belytschko family.

Herbert Mang

Em.O.Univ.-Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Dr. techn. Dr. h.c.mult.

The Institute of Materials and Structures

Vienna University of Technology.

Vienna, Austria

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
Ted's fondness for Mechanics was equal only to his accomplishments in its advancement. Both of these aspects are vividly present in this sad day in the minds and hearts of the members of our Community. My profound condolences to his family.

Luigi Cedolin
professore universitario presso
Politecnico di Milano
Milan, Italy

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
The loss of Ted Belytschko is a very sad event for me and for all colleagues here in Milan. It is a loss for the whole international community of computational mechanics, but I am among the many colleagues who could appreciate His kind personality besides His outstanding research results. To the Belytschko family our deeply felt condolences.

Giulio Maier
Professor Emeritus, Structural Engineering
Politecnico di Milano
Milan, Italy

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
It is really bad news to know that Professor Belytschko passed away. I had few opportunities to meet him, but I still remember the first time I was introduced to him in his office, which - in that period - was at the ground level, beside the office that I shared with a PhD student. I was impressed by his smile and openness, and later by the astonishing amount of internationally-recognized work that he did. Please, express my sympathy with Gail and their son and daughters on Ted's death.

Pietro Gambarova
Politecnico di Milano
Milan, Italy
We lost a highly esteemed colleague and good friend. My recollection of Ted goes back to 1974 when I wrote my habilitation thesis and referred to a paper by Glaum, Belytschko, Masur on buckling of structures. Shortly thereafter I met him personally on the US-Germany Symposium on Formulations and Computational Algorithms in Finite Element Analysis at MIT 1976. From that time on I met him so often, and it was always a pleasure to listen to his talks, often equipped with some witty remarks showing his sense of humor. What will remain? He will be remembered through the many novel ideas in a remarkable broad spectrum in our field, for the establishment of an own "school" (how we call it in German) with a specific profile and as a great friend to many of us. I am very grateful that I could meet such a personality in my life.

Ekkehard Ramm
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr.-Ing. E.h. Dr. h.c.
Institute for Structural Mechanics
Stuttgart, Germany

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014
I feel very sad on the news. Please pass my deepest condolence to Professor Belytschko's family. Professor Belytschko not only taught me on the knowledge but also a role model for me to follow. I couldn't believe he passed away. I still feel that his words, smile, humor accompany me everyday.

Hongwu Wang

Ted Belytschko 1943 - 2014