Obituary: George Julian (“Jay”) Dienes

George Julian (“Jay”) Dienes, who retired from BNL’s Physics Department on December 31, 1986, died on December 4, 2014. He was 96 years old.

Jay was born in 1918 in Budapest, Hungary. He immigrated to the United States as a young man to further his education. He earned Doctor of Science Degrees in Physics and Physical Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Most of his scientific work was conducted in the Physics Department at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, NY. In addition, he authored, co-authored and edited numerous scientific books and articles in his field.

Jay spent his retirement years in Las Vegas, NV, where he was an avid traveller, swimmer, and gambler. He had a very active social life and enjoyed spending time with family and many great friends.

Jay and Margaret Dienes were married for 60 years. Margaret died in 2008 at the age of 89. Jay’s daughter, Claire Bumstead, also passed in 2008. Jay is survived by his granddaughters Cori Lia of Las Vegas, NV, and Angela Champion of Piedmont, CA. He has two great-grandchildren, Amanda Kay Champion and Daniel Louis Champion.

Jay will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.
Beloved

Father,
Grandfather,
Great Grandfather,
Cousin,
Uncle

Friend