

Frank was a legend (in the contemporary urban, not literal, sense) – he was widely-renowned as one of the best lecturers, inspiring generations of students – what better legacy could he leave. To me, he was kind, funny, and incredibly knowledgeable about so many things. A real gentleman. May his spirit live on.

Jane Stout
Botany Department



Very sad news. He was a great character and a lovely man.

Dr Lynn Gilmore
Seafish Northern Ireland

Frank was so well loved by us at at the Marine Lab and also around the town of Portaferry itself. We loved to hear that he was coming up with the Field Course, especially when he and Pat Boaden got together - Frank on the squeeze box and Pat on the fiddle - great and lovely memories.

Mrs B Curran
QML, Portaferry

RIP Frank, what a legend.

Mary Hurley Miles
Zoology Graduate 2003

RIP Frank, a gentleman and a legend.

Siobhán Ní Chuilinn
Zoology Graduate 2014

Being taught by Frank Jeal was a true honor. It was like entering a zoological world where the textbook came to life and engaged you in a way that illuminated the connections and key threads of evolution and of life on earth. Frank's voice echos in the way i teach students every day of my scientific career. For this, and for the songs, thank you Frank.

Katie Reeve-Arnold
Zoology Graduate 2005



Trinity's David Attenborough.. rip

Kerrie Anderson
Zoology Graduate 2001

Very sad to hear this. He was indeed a legend.

Patrick Kirwan
Zoology Graduate 2003



Such sad news, a legend and inspiration to us all.

Noreen McLoughlin
Zoology Graduate 1998

What an interesting man and lecturer, RIP Frank.

Aoife Swan
Zoology Graduate 2008

Very sad news. I have very fond memories of Frank from my time in the zoology department. RIP to a true legend and gentleman.

Sharon Molloy
Zoology Graduate 1991

RIP Frank. So honoured to have met you.

Violetta Koutsogiannopoulou
Zoology Postgraduate

A true legend very sad news

Riona Howard
Zoology Graduate 2009

Sorry to hear this - had a lot of respect for him.

Heather Kelly

Let's not forget the trad sessions! Wonderful man.

Gordon Rose
Zoology Graduate 2009



Sorry to hear this. What a fascinating man, with the most fabulous stories and lectures

Rosie Ellis
Zoology Graduate 2010

Many wonderful memories of Frank and his engaging and entertaining lectures.. Memorable quotes which come to mind include his note regarding our JS year's invertebrate museum lab results "need to pull up their socks", and an excellent lecture on priapulids which began with a description of the latin name, "for those of you familiar with the organ....". Always entertaining and a true gentleman. Rest in peace.

Emma Murphy
Zoology Graduate 2012

Very sad news, RIP Frank.

Anna Logan
Zoology Graduate 2003

Frank was always so associated with Trinity Zoology. He will be missed!

Sean Ryan
Zoology Graduate 1995

What a loss - he changed so many people's lives, for the better!, and was a wonderful friend and colleague. I shall miss you Frank.

"I met Frank first when he took me to the pub - Lincoln's, of course - after my job interview in Zoology. Frank was incredibly welcoming from the beginning, and it was a real pleasure to get to know him and spend time with him over the ensuing years. While Frank had decades of experience in teaching and enthusing undergrads, he was always humble, and learning from him as a new lecturer was a deep and thoughtful experience. I will always remember our conversations (not all of them about science!) in the coffee room, in our offices (I was lucky to inherit his!), and in the pub, and I will never forget the joy he took in life, and the pleasure he took in educating the next generations of zoologists. And let's not forget his songs! Although I moved away from Dublin nearly 10 years ago, whenever I returned it was a joy to catch up with him. I will miss him, as will the many whose lives he changed, but I also know that he will always be present and alive in the Zoology building, and in the hearts of us all. With love.

Mark Brown
Zoology

A great man with a brilliant collection of ties! RIP

Jim O'Hagan
Zoology Graduate 2011



what a sad day, end of an era. amazing lecturer.

Ella McSweeney
Zoology Graduate 1999

This is such sad news. RIP Frank. A true legend and gentleman. It was a pleasure to attend your lectures.

John O'Neill
Zoology Graduate 2005

Fantastic lecturer. Excellent zoologist. Gentleman. Conversations with Frank, whether standing over a skull or a pint, were always stimulating. RIP.

Ferdia Marnell
Zoology Graduate 1991

Oh no, such sad news! I have so many great memories of his lectures!
They were always so interesting and fun. So sorry to hear this 😞

Naiara O'Mahony
Zoology Graduate 2009

So sad to hear this. Great memories of Frank . In college and in the
Lincoln .

Sinead Barry
Zoology Graduate 1994



RIP Frank. His lectures and our trip to portaferry inspired me to study
marine biology. His passion was infectious. I'll always remember the
many sessions with him at O'Neills

Fiona McIntyre
Zoology Graduate 2007

Such sad news, what an inspirational lecturer he was!

Aoife Parsons
Zoology Graduate 2009

RIP Frank. An amazing lecturer and true gentleman. He'll be hugely missed in Trinity.

Clodagh Dooley
Zoology Graduate

Frank will be sadly missed by generations of Trinity students and staff - I hope he is supping a heavenly pint.

Eugene O'Loughlin
Zoology Graduate 1983

RIP Frank. Great memory of St. patricks Day in The Lincoln years ago when Frank and his buddies came off the booze cruise from Hollyhead and continued their session in the pub, so much fun and talent.

Mairead Stack
Zoology Graduate 1997

Frank holds the fondest and most vivid memories of zoology for me. He was such as asset to the department and a real educator, and will be severely missed

Laura Shewbridge Carter
Zoology Graduate 2015



So sad to hear this news. Frank was such an inspiring and talented lecturer. RIP

Fiona Britton
Zoology Graduate 2001

RIP Frank. You were one in a million. Such a wonderful, inspiring lecturer, that had us hanging on your every word. It's a very sad day for all of us that passed through TCD Zoology Department and had the privilege of sitting in your lectures.

Paula Burns
Zoology Graduate 1993

Frank was an inspirational zoologist. His coloured chalk diagrams on the lecture board put us through our paces in comparative embryology. Time in the Lincoln followed by talk over dinner in FXBs or the Taj Mahal made us realise academic debate among friends needs to be a central part of our public life, community building, something FB now facilitates every day.

Howard Fox
Botany Graduate

RIP Frank. He was a great lecturer!

Siobhan Ni Mhurchu
Zoology Graduate 2005

Very sorry to hear this, many fond memories of his lectures. RIP Frank

Miriam Cahill
Zoology Graduate 2006



This is really sad, some very fond memories of him from my Trinity days

Judy Walsh
Zoology Graduate
2009

Frank was a lovely guy and a fantastic teacher. He offered me two pieces of advice the day I was offered a lecturing position... 1. Never put a student down, especially in front of their friends 2. Always check your fly before you talk

Colin Lawton
Zoology Graduate 1995

Very sorry to hear this, what a loss. Great lecturer and the sing songs in Portaferry.

Russell Poole
Zoology Graduate 1986

RIP Frank! Have such great memories of his lectures and the legendary Tuesday night sessions in O'Neills. What an amazing lecturer, Zoology's very own David Attenborough

Alexander Duane
Zoology Graduate 2007

Very sad news , Frank was a gentleman. RIP

Damien Langan

RIP Frank. A fabulous lecturer and he will be sorely missed. I've never had more entertaining lectures than I did with Frank! I'm so sorry to hear this.

Lean Ni Dhalaigh
Zoology Graduate 2009



RIP Frank. A legend amongst lecturers. He was a great one for supplying black rum & cokes to celebrate student's birthdays in O'Neills or the Lincoln Inn!

Emma Moran
Zoology Graduate 2003

RIP Frank. A legend and a gent.

Andy Hogg
Zoology Graduate 2002

Such a gent and mighty craic. R.I.P.

Orla Collison
Zoology Graduate 2011

From the first day of the Portaferry Field Trip, to slightly mad-cap (but perfectly constituted) lectures, to "departmental meetings" in the Lincoln, and the occasional hello if we crossed paths around the campus (even years after I graduated) Frank was such a memorable character and inspirational lecturer he'll be sadly missed and long remembered!

Gareth Craig
Zoology Graduate 2002

Very sad news. A true gentleman and a legend in the Zoology Dept. RIP Frank

Paul Ivory
Zoology Graduate 1999

Very sorry to hear this. He was a true Trinity legend. I loved his lectures and his old style of teaching... no projectors or slides or downloadable notes. Just a board marker and his mind. RIP

Alisa Bowen
Zoology Graduate 2012



RIP Frank. Quite sure that rather than mourning his passing he'd prefer, in fact demand, to see old friends, colleagues and former students celebrate his life. And best done in the Lincoln, followed by O'Neill's!

Donal O'Sullivan
Zoology Graduate 1999

Coladh samh Frank, last of the old stock.

Killian Chute
Zoology Graduate 1999

Frank: you imbued in me (and many others) with a real sense of nature, of inquiry, of motivation for our natural world. Your lectures and mentoring were central to this - the way you lectured (bringing the subject alive with examples, stories and so forth) and your mentoring - you always had time for queries and questions, and was always willing to provide advice, answers - but perhaps more importantly you would advise on where to find the answers. That love for nature and the environment has stayed with me all through my own life and career. For that I am eternally grateful.

But you were much much more than Dr. Frank Jeal, Lecturer, TCD. I remember two anecdotes in particular: The Burren field trips to further foster that sense of inquiry and exploration on the wind and rain swept (one could hardly stand) Black Head in the Burren, scrambling over the Karst Burren landscape with an exuberance for life and exploration - even though you had probably done that trip so many times already - it was always fresh and alive, and is still fresh and alive. The Burren is still one of my favorite parts of Ireland.

Others will speak more eloquently to your music and how you could bring people together across race, colour and creed around an accordion and others with the fiddle, spoons, Bodhran. The trips in the famous "Frankmobile" to Puck Fair (Kilorglin) and many other traditional Irish music sessions in many parts of the country. Our tertiary education was much more holistic than dissecting dogfish! and of course the Lincoln.

thank you Frank: your legacy will live on in all those who you interacted with and "touched". You gave many of us that ability - to be that change we want to be

Edmund Barrow
Zoology Graduate 1973



I am located in California so, unfortunately, I won't be able to attend Frank's funeral later this week. I last saw Frank when I visited the Zoology Department in November (2016). We had a nice chat about the "old days" over a cup of tea. I know that Frank will be greatly missed by many. As you so well say, his 51 years of teaching zoology are inspirational.

Donal T. Manahan, Ph.D. 1976
Professor of Biological Sciences, USC

Honoured to have been among the countless students he inspired. We hung on his every word. A legend in zoology and a gentleman. RIP Frank

Somantha-Killion-Connolly
Zoology Graduate 2014

RIP Frank Jeal

Mark Murphy
Zoology Graduate 2005

Really sad to see this 😞:(

Orla Leonard (Woods)
Zoology Graduate

An incredibly inspiring man....It's a sad sad loss.

Rebecca Sexton
Zoology Graduate 2015

An inspiration...invertebrate bio, marine bio, embryology, and of course vertebrate biology...how many profs get a round of applause at the end of a course? Frank and pints in O'Neills/Lincoln were a constant for decades of zoology students. Although Clare, Graham and I did spend a *little* time there during phds....years after I left for Canada and went only to O'Neills for one (session) a year he remembered me and would ask after the caribou and whether I'd met Anne Gunn (who he taught many years ago). He will be missed.

Laura Finnegan
Zoology Graduate 2002

Wonderful, inspiring and entertaining lecturer. I remember he would bring in a sports bag full of bones as part of his lecture! Loved attending his classes - a rare gem that will be greatly missed.

Laura Jane Ni Bhraidaigh

He was simply brilliant.

Paula Moriarty

Generations of Science undergrads will remember his brilliant lectures, but we Zoology students were the lucky ones who got to hear his stories and share a pint in the Lincoln and later O'Neills.

Graham Little
Zoology Graduate 2002

Very memorable and entertaining lecturer, RIP Frank.

Teri Smith



Frank Jeal taught me vertebrate zoology, a legend in his own lifetime

Nigel Monaghan
Natural History Museum

Such sad news.... what a fantastic lecturer for us all. I still remember his evolution lectures. RIP

Catherine Dempsey
Zoology Department 1995

Eamonn and I are so sorry to hear the news.

Suzanne Gormley
Zoology Staff



So very sad to hear this news. Such a great lecturer. Will always remember him in the Lincoln Inn x

Marion Barrett
Zoology Graduate 2000

Very sorry to hear this news. I enjoyed Frank's company on several occasions. He will be missed.

David Taylor
Former Head of School

Such sad news. He was such a gentleman and brilliant natural philosopher always ready with a cracking yarn, anecdote or bad joke to hand.

Adrian Dervan
Zoology Graduate 1995



The most incredible lecturer and wonderful human. Our own David Attenborough.

Olivia Dellow
Zoology Graduate 2015

A wonderful teacher and gentleman, sad to hear this news

Garrett Kilroy
Geology Graduate

I particularly enjoyed his company during the several years I spent teaching on the marine field trip. His way of engaging with the students was very special. I remember one sunny September afternoon sitting with Frank having a pint outside The Portaferry Hotel and just chatting.

A story he told me that sticks in my mind is about arriving in Ireland in the mid 1960s and watching Zoology's first electron microscope being delivered by horse and cart!

He will be greatly missed - a gentleman and a great teacher.

Mike Wride
Zoology Staff



My deepest condolences. Frank was my favourite teacher and enriched my academic life. I have made a donation to Whale & Dolphin Conservation in his name. I hope as a diver this is something he would have wanted.

Max Fursman
Zoology Graduate 2017

Frank was one of those people who impacted on so very many -yet, as you say always remained in the background. However, he was part of the extraordinary brigade who understood the wider meaning of University and helped make College into what it was and is. I count my self so very lucky to have known College during his times.

Although, I had lost touch in recent years I counted him as friend and mentor as he also was to my brother James
Another good man gone as the circle inexorably tightens.

John Mercer
Zoology Graduate, 1966

Frank Jeal was a glorious lecturer, a great entertainer and a life-enhancing person. *Ni fheicfhimid a leithéid arís. Dan.*

Daniel Kelly
Botany Staff

I am so grateful for all he did for me, from helping me get enrolled as an MSc student (along with Brian West and others of course), to acting as referee for job applications and my application to chiropractic college and of course his friendship and keeping in touch all these years. He will indeed be sorely missed.

Bob La Touche
Zoology Graduate 1972

I have known Frank for decades, in fact since 1981 when I first arrived in TCD as a new lecturer. Almost immediately I became aware of him as an effective and indeed inspiring teacher, popular with the students and immensely knowledgeable about a vast range of topics in Zoology. He was one of the few members of staff in the department who was not a specialist but a generalist and so able to identify almost any animal he was presented with. He was also simply a nice and pleasant and kindly guy. he will be missed.

John Parnell
Professor of Systematic Botany

I could not imagine a more amazing introduction to the world of zoology than Frank's Animal Diversity lectures. There are so many species, scientific terms, and entire phyla that he introduced me to and that I will always associate with him, to the point that every time I read their names I hear them in Frank's voice. I'm sure that any of his students could say the same.

Fionn O'Marcaigh
Zoology Graduate 2016



Like so many of Frank's former students I had a deep affection for The late Dr Jeal, this scholarship will be a lasting tribute.

Alan Bate 1972

My condolences. He was a wonderful and memorable lecturer and a lovely individual who taught unforgettable classes. The high level of respect I have for him cannot be put into words. He left me with fond memories of college and I will always treasure them. My heart goes out to the family and friends of Frank.

Man (Jenny) Wong 2016