Wake for Dick Taylor 4/25/2018

This was held at Fey's Chinese Restaurant, 1368 El Camino Real., Menlo Park CA 94025. As Dick had requested it was a small private gathering of 12 close friends and collaborators on the Nobel prize-winning series of experiments. BJ drove from Idaho, Dave Coward flew from Colorado, Bill Atwood drove up from Santa Cruz, while the rest came from the Bay Area. Jerry Friedman was invited but unable to attend. At Dick's request, the wake was hosted by Dick's son Ted.



The 12 in the private room at Fey's restaurant. Back left to right: Vera Luth, Bill Atwood, John Jaros, James (BJ) Bjorken, Marty Breidenbach, Charley Prescott, Elliott Bloom, David Leith. Front Row left to right: David Coward, Leon Rochester, Nan Phinney, Les Cottrell.

Ted Taylor (Dick's son) told a story how, when he was 13, Dick got Ted to agree to cut his hair if and when Dick got a Nobel prize. Sixteen years later Ted had to cut his hair.



Ted before cutting hair

Ted today wearing an MIT T shirt given to him by Henry Kendall

There were also stories of the grueling shift work during experiment data taking. With a typical team of about a dozen physicists and a minimum of 3 people / shift and experimental data taking running for a couple of months there were few days off. Dick would take the early morning shift (regarded by many as the toughest) starting around 5:00am. Then he would return in the evening to see how things were progressing and to meet with Pief Panofsky (the Lab director and Dick's mentor) to bring Pief up to date.



Pief in Counting House A at SLAC, with Dick Taylor (eating sandwich for dinner).

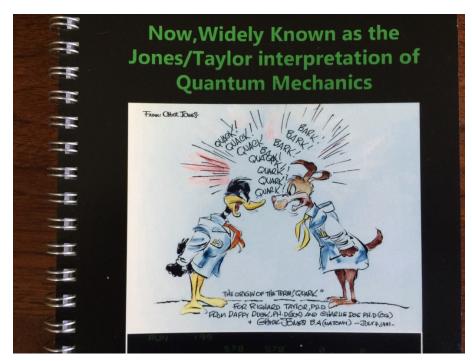
Other stories remembered about writing the experiments' papers and how with the small teams, everyone contributed and agreed on the content of the papers; and the announcement

of the Nobel prize itself.



Party at Dick Taylor's house celebrating the award of the Nobel prize. Left to right standing: Dave Coward, Marty Breidenbach, Elliott Bloom, Dick Taylor, Charlie Jordan, Charles Prescott; kneeling Les Cottrell.

Ted prepared a small case full of mementos for each person. They included: an album of photos of Dick's life; newspaper cuttings from around the world of the Nobel prize announcement; a T shirt; a Daffy Duck cartoon created by the author (Chuck Jones) for Dick Taylor illustrating the origin of the term quark;



and a SLAC staff picture book dating to June 1, 1981

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