

Remembering Stephen Hawking *One of the Greatest Minds of Our Time*

Fort Worth, TX - With the passing of Stephen Hawking, world-renowned cosmologist and mathematician, the man gifted with what has been described as one of the greatest minds in history is being remembered across the globe.

His work on the origin, evolution and fate of the universe will continue to inform and inspire thinkers for generations. Hawking was noted, in particular for his groundbreaking work into the evolution of black holes, and the discovery of what is now known as Hawking Radiation.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Chief Technology Officer, astronomer and physicist Dr. Doug Roberts has researched black holes extensively and says, "Stephen Hawking was a shining example of a stellar intellect who had amazing insight into the most complex problems in science, namely cosmology, gravity and quantum mechanics."

Hawking was diagnosed with ALS while still a student, and lived the last fifty years of his life wheelchair bound and eventually able to move only a few fingers.

Still, he shared his unique enthusiasm for the natural world with his book, *A Brief History of Time*, among one of the best-selling science books in history and through appearances on various television shows and widely attended conferences around the world.

"One of his best attributes was his optimism," said Roberts. "It lives today through his students, colleagues and the public whom have been touched by his work."

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