

Honours

## Randy Pausch

(23 October 1960–25 July 2008)

*“You’re An Angel Now”*

### Randy Pausch gave the talk of his life.

Every year at *Carnegie Mellon University* in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania students nominate teachers they want to hear from one last time in a series called, *The Last Lecture*. In 2007 they wanted to hear from Randy Pausch, American professor of computer science, human-computer interaction, and design. His lecture, *Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams* was delivered on 18 September 2007.

He answered the question: “If you had only six months to live, what would you do?” He was dying of terminal pancreatic cancer. Most of his family and colleagues flew in from all over to hear him speak. However, it was videotaped and put on the web for those that could not attend, to listen to.

But, it went beyond his inner circle. Over 10 million people have watched his lecture online and been as moved as his live audience by his candor, wisdom, and humour. He has uplifted and inspired many to hope.



*“True wisdom resides in no other abode than innocence” wrote Emanuel Swedenborg. “No one can enter heaven except one who has some degree of innocence. Few, if any, know how people are brought to true wisdom. Intelligence is not wisdom, but leads to wisdom; for to understand what is true and good is not to be true and good, but to be wise is to be so. Wisdom is predicated only of the life-that the person is such.”*

Randy Pausch, your honesty in facing your death and sharing your life with the world was inspirational; especially your advice to have fun everyday! You set an angelic example and are now an angel serving a use in heaven.

Thank you!

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