

## Jack Carey

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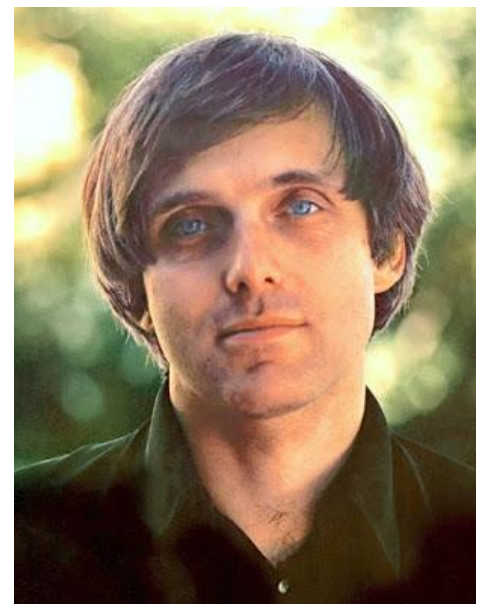
*Jack near the end, happily in control of multiple devices as well as his wife.*

Right after Jack completed his military service in the sixties, he became an acquisitions editor at Wadsworth Publishing Company in California. In time he became a seasoned publisher who adapted to and carefully shepherded his authors through a number of corporate iterations, from Brooks-Cole, to Thomson Learning, to Cengage Learning, from which he retired in 2009. During that time he helped create and publish some of the

most widely used and respected science textbooks in higher education. The biology books that the two of us created together were translated into fourteen languages. Tyler Miller's books on environmental science were similarly translated. Through Jack's guidance until his retirement, the three of us reached at least 50 million students, possibly ten times that many if you take into account the used-book market and international knock-offs. Along the way, Jack introduced some of the most advanced teaching and learning tools in higher education. He was a pioneer in identifying ways to engage students by way of the emerging technologies. Other publishers tended to be a couple of years behind him, scrambling to follow his lead; so really, the extent of his impact on education is incalculable.

Like so many Dartmouth alumni, he never stopped giving his personal best to make the world a better place. He became a legend in college textbook publishing when it was still student-centered, before it became a somewhat dispassionate corporate commodity. Jack brought about changes in content and pedagogy to reflect major paradigm shifts in biology and environmental science. He never stopped breaking new ground to develop online technology for students. For the most part, other publishers of undergraduate textbooks in general followed his lead. You can find his innovations at the graduate level as well.

He was most proud that both of his children, Ryan Carey PH.D '96 and Kristen Carey D93, also became Dartmouth alumni



*Jack at the time the first Starr book was being written*

If you are interested, some of his closest colleagues  
paid tribute to him at  
[www.rememberingjackcarey.blogspot.com](http://www.rememberingjackcarey.blogspot.com)  
(Editor's Note: The blog entries are absolutely  
beautiful.)

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