

We deeply regret to inform you that Takashi Tachibana 立花隆 (birth name: Takashi Tachibana 橘隆志, age 80) passed away on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The funeral was attended exclusively by the family.

For the full biography of the deceased, please see the online farewell page below.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, those wishing to pay their respects to the deceased can leave a message on the farewell page below.

### **Obituary**

1. Name: Takashi Tachibana 橘隆志 (Pseudonym: Takashi Tachibana 立花隆)
2. Date of death: April 30, 2021 (Friday), 11:38 p.m.
3. Cause of death: Acute coronary syndrome (ACS)

Mr. Tachibana had been in and out of hospital for many years, suffering from gout, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and cancer. A year ago, he was once again admitted to the university hospital, but because he refused to undergo tests, treatment, and rehabilitation, he was transferred to his regular hospital.

The hospital director concluded that “nursing Mr. Tachibana to recovery with rigorous treatments is no longer an option in his condition, but rather the goal is to make his general condition as peaceful and painless as possible for the remainder of his life.” On the evening of April 30<sup>th</sup>, a nurse was called who immediately contacted the director after recognizing that something was wrong. But Mr. Tachibana died suddenly before the doctor arrived. Due to his preexisting diabetes, it was known that cerebral atherosclerosis and coronary atherosclerosis could potentially follow as a result.

He was not infected with coronavirus before his death.

#### 4. Funeral and Wake: May 4, 2021 (Tuesday)

In accordance with the wishes of the deceased and the bereaved family, a private, family funeral was held.

A tree burial took place, the location of which shall not be made public.

Excerpt from Takashi Tachibana's "Chi no Tabi wa owaranai" (Bungeishunjū, 2020)

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After death, I have no interest in funerals or graves. I don't mind not having either. [...] A long time ago, the famous Prosecutor-General Shigeki Ito [...] wrote a book called *If a Person Dies, He Becomes Garbage*, and I think he is right. A "compost burial" is better yet [...] This way, a person can be broken down by microorganisms and enter the great cycle of nature. Another option is also to have one's ashes scattered at sea, but since I can't swim, I prefer land to the ocean. Since compost burial is not legal, I think a good compromise would be a tree burial (this is where a person's cremated remains are buried under a tree without a grave; the tree is the grave marker). Isn't it a wonderful feeling to enter the great circle of life?

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Farewell page: Chez TACHIBANA – Takashi Tachibana Official Website

<https://tachibana.rip>

Tachibana's office, where he worked before his death, is closed. We will not be able to answer any questions other than those on the above farewell page. Respecting Mr. Tachibana's strong wishes, we would like to express our regret that we are unable to accept condolences, incense, or flowers on behalf of the deceased. (Please understand that packages will not be accepted and will be returned to sender.)

Hiromichi Tachibana (Takashi's older brother)