

OT: hurRAH: The Grandmaster is 100

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Sean Lackey — 09 Jul 2007, 05:02

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Dan'l Danehy-Oakes — 09 Jul 2007, 17:59 · in reply to Sean Lackey

Thanks for posting it ... I cried when he died. I'd only met him once, under very unfavorable conditions, but that wasn't even the point; he was as much a father-figure to me as my real father. He taught me how to think for myself, how to get the facts and draw conclusions. I rarely drew the same conclusions as him, but the process was so important that I regard him as my greatest teacher.

One hundred years. Wow.

Anyone for a party on 1/2/20?

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