

John Horton Conway made profound contributions to number theory, coding theory, probability theory, topology, algebra and more. He is English-born Princeton mathematician whose body of work ranged from the rigorously highbrow to the frivolously fun, earning him prizes and a reputation as a creative, iconoclastic and even magical genius. The most shocking news for me is that he died on Saturday in New Brunswick, his death, at a nursing home, was caused by COVID-19.