Derrida, Jacques
Passed away at age 74 after a lengthy battle with pancreatic cancer. Survived by his wife, the psychoanalyst Marguerite Aucouturier. The two met at his Alma Mater, the Ecole normale supérieur, and were married in 1957. Also survived by two sons, Pierre and Jean. M. Derrida, an Algerian-born Jew who became one of France’s best known and most controversial intellectuals, was the author of more than 50 books. He has often been referred to as the father of deconstruction.