April 7 1946 - February 12 2017

James Alan Woodhead, 70, passed away peacefully on February 12th. Jim was born in Washington, D.C. to James H and Julia Benes Woodhead. He grew up in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Walnut Creek, California. He graduated from Caltech with a bachelor’s degree in Geology in 1969, and obtained his Master’s and PhD in Geology from Princeton University. He returned to Pasadena in 1979, first as a post-doctoral fellow at Caltech, then as a faculty member at Occidental College, where he remained until his retirement in 2011.

Jim was a devoted teacher and father and an avid bicyclist, who regularly competed in long distance rides, often with one of his children on a tandem, and who set a world record riding from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Jim is survived by his wife, Consuelo S. Woodhead of Pasadena; his four children, Emilie C. Woodhead, Juliana K. Woodhead, James S. Woodhead, all of Los Angeles, and Genevieve E. Woodhead of Albuquerque; and his brother, Dr. Jerold Woodhead of Iowa City.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Herrick Interfaith Center at Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles, CA. Memorial contributions may be made to The Parkinson Alliance, P.O. Box 308, Kingston, N.J., www.parkinsonalliance.org. <http://www.parkinsonalliance.org>