
Mark Andrew Allen(1949 - 2016)

September 29, 1949 - October 22, 2016 Mark Allen, 67, died of complications from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Mark was born in New York City and was an Eagle Scout. He graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia College in New York City and received his PhD from Caltech, both in chemistry. He spent his 37-year career at the Jet Propulsion Lab and Caltech as an astrochemist, using his chemical model to study the atmospheres of the earth, planets, comets, interstellar space, and exoplanets. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Emily Bergman; children Boh Allen, Philip Allen, and daughter-in-law, Andrea Allen; mother Lucille Allen; and sister, Barbara Peterson. His research continues in the work of his colleagues and former graduate students and postdocs. Donations in his memory may be made to Columbia College or the California Institute of Technology. A memorial service will be held at Temple Sinai in Glendale on Thursday, 10/27, at 5 pm.

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