

Dr. M. Lee Allison (1948 - 2016)

Association for Women Geoscientists

Association of American State Geologists

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Dr. M. Lee Allison, State Geologist and Director of the Arizona Geological Survey, passed away Tuesday, August 16th, at noon after suffering a critical head injury from a fall at his home on Saturday.

Lee's passing is a tragic loss for his wife, family, staff of the Arizona Geological Survey, the geologic and geoinformatics communities, and Lee's broad circle of friends, colleagues, and acquaintances around the world. He was an incredibly dynamic leader of our agency, and a world-wide leader in many areas that were important to him. We mourn his passing, and will do our best to carry on his legacy.

There will not be a memorial service. Lee's family has requested they not be contacted. Any messages of condolence can be addressed to AZGS team members; we will pass them along to his family.

Lee's wife, Ann, suggested donations be made to the Association for Women Geoscientists/Salt Lake Chapter or a scholarship program to a university geology department to honor Lee

Words of Emily Dickinson aptly apply: Because I could not stop for Death, he kindly stopped for me. The carriage held but just ourselves and immortality.

We miss you Lee.

Update (8/31/2016). Community Remembrances.

Tuscon.com published a story outlining Lee's career, and his impact in the community. Updated information regarding the Closure of the Arizona Geological Survey.

The Association for Women Geoscientists shared his remembrance, and included information about to donate to the AWG Salt Lake Chapter in his memory.

The National Center for Science Education shared a piece written by Monica Albe of the COPUS Project, on their Facebook Page about Lee's efforts to keep evolution in schools.

The Geological Society of America 2016 President's Medalist Sarah Andrews penned her experiences with Lee, in the "Speaking of Geoscience Blog." She shared how she and Lee worked together on her series of mystery novels as well his influence the geoscience community.

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