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## James Pawley, a director and community hero has passed away.

We are heartbroken to announce the sudden loss of a board member, James Binfield Pawley, who collapsed playing tennis on Thursday March 7, 2019 and died almost immediately.



Jim was born January 15th 1944 in Gerrard's Cross, England. He immigrated to Canada with his parents in 1946, first to Cloverdale, BC, where they joined his

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In the late 1950s, the family moved to Ben Lomond, California. From 1962-66 he studied electrical engineering at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, and in 1972 he got his Ph.D. in biophysics at the University of California-Berkeley. After a series of postdoctoral positions (including in London, where he met his wife Christine), in 1978 he took a faculty position in the department of Zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. One of his main responsibilities was to run the three-story million-volt electron microscope, part of a national microscopy facility.

For sixteen years he also directed the 3D Microscopy of Living Cells Course on the University of British Columbia's campus. With a faculty of internationally known scientists and cutting edge equipment loaned by manufacturers, the 3D Microscopy of Living Cells (motto, "It's not just diffraction, it's not just statistics: It's biology!") attracted participants from all over the world. The course provided the foundation for his best-known publication, the Handbook of Biological Confocal Microscopy, now in its third edition and still an essential resource.

Galvanized by the threat of climate change, Jim spent recent years raising the alarm. He organized a teach-in at UW-Madison, and taught classes on climate change there and at the Elder College in Sechelt. He helped organize a climate march in Vancouver, marched in Washington DC, and gave lectures in many places including the Sunshine Coast, and Harbin, China. He was especially active with the 2 Degrees Institute, Clean Air Society and the Sunshine Coast Community Solar Association; his letters often appeared in local papers.

Jim loved photography and music (especially Scarlatti); he loved to fix houses, furniture, and boats. In the late 1970s with friends, Jim built a cabin across the water from Egmont (boat access only). The family spent almost every summer there, trekking 2000 miles each way by car. He was a founder of the Doriston Music Festival, which in its first year was his kids on violins and keyboard, and Don and George Gilmour on mandolin and guitar. When Christine retired in 2012, the couple moved to the house they built in Sechelt. Jim loved the coast,

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Jim loved his family very much. He is survived by Christine, his wife of 43 years; his three children: Alice (Stephen Hoffmann), Emily (Roger Turner), and John; and his four grandchildren: Sam and Laura Turner, and Simon and Jane Hoffmann. A private funeral was held this week in Sechelt. All will be welcome to share stories about Jim at the celebration of his life on July 31, 2019 at the Sechelt Botanical Gardens (<https://coastbotanicalgarden.org>). We are also hoping to arrange an event May 13 in Madison, Wisconsin, time and location to be determined.

People are also invited to send stories and photos to [alicepawley@gmail.com](mailto:alicepawley@gmail.com) to be bound into a book for his family.

His family will post updates on the memorial celebration and donation fund at <http://pawleypudding.ca/>.



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