

## **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

### **JOSEPH JOHN GRAHAM (1909 – 1967)**

Joseph J. Graham, Professor and Associate Head of the Department of Geology, died of a heart attack on November 15, 1967. He was completing his twentieth year on the faculty of Stanford University.

Professor Graham was born on April 13, 1909 in Butler, Pennsylvania where he completed his elementary and high school education. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Alabama, receiving an A.B. degree in 1937. He obtained his M.S. degree at Northwestern University in 1939. He attended Ohio State University for one year (1939-40) as John Bowdocker Fellow in Geology. He transferred to the University of California at Berkeley in 1940 and served as teaching assistant from 1940-42. During the years 1943 and 1944 he was employed as geologist by Standard Oil Company of California. He returned to the University of California as Lecturer in Paleontology during the school year of 1945-46. He accepted a position at Texas A & M in 1946 and remained there for two years. It was during this stay, in 1947, that he was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the University of California. In 1948 he accepted an invitation to join the faculty at Stanford University as Assistant Professor of Geology. He was elevated to Associate Professorship in 1951 and to Professor in 1961.

Professor Graham spent two years (1954-56) as Visiting Professor at the University of the Philippines under an assistance program sponsored by the U. S... Foreign Operations Administration. In 1959 and 1960 he served as Campus Coordinator of a cooperative geologic program with the University of Chile under State Department auspices. He spent a sabbatical year (1962-63) as a Fulbright scholar in Austria. It was in September of 1967, while attending an international conference in Bologna, Italy, that the first serious symptoms of his illness appeared.

Professor Graham was a specialist in micropaleontology, with particular interest in the minute life forms known as Foraminifera. He published numerous articles in professional journals as well as the two comprehensive reports published in 1959 and 1963 in the Stanford University Publications in Geologic Science. At the time of his death he was working on a long-term study of California Cretaceous microfossils.

Joe Graham was an ardent baseball fan. He had entered the University of Alabama on an athletic scholarship and played on the school baseball team. He later played semi-pro ball, but an injury to his hand forestalled any hopes of reaching the major leagues. In recent years he served as part-time scout for the San Francisco Giants and early this year (1967) he acquired an interest in, and served as president of the Medford Giants, an Oregon farm club of the San Francisco Giants.

Professor Graham is survived by his wife, Ruth, whom he met while at Northwestern; a son, David, a first-year graduate student at the University of California School of Dentistry; and a daughter, Kathryn, a freshman at Stanford.

Professor Graham was deeply devoted to his students. In spite of the realization that he was not well, and despite the remonstrances of his colleagues, he continued to meet with his students to the very day of his death.

Joe Graham was a remarkably warm and friendly person. He was sincerely interested in the welfare of every person with whom he came in contact. He will be sorely missed.

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