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James A. Roe IV died after a lengthy illness on November 27, 2017.

James was born on April 9, 1955 in New York City to James A. Roe, Jr. and Marie Oliver Roe and grew up in Flushing, New York. His paternal grandparents, James Roe Sr. and Margaret Farrell Roe, owned the area called Westmoreland Farm on Shelter Island, New York where James spent all his summers. His maternal grandparents were Juliette Casavant Oliver of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec and Fred Nash Oliver of McGregor, Texas.

James attended St. Andrew Avellino parochial school in Flushing. James and his brother Nash survived a plane crash in 1968 (which took his father's life) and he finished his elementary education at Rusk Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine. He was never meant to walk again, but after a full year at Rusk he went on to play tennis, golf and family softball in spite of his physical disabilities.

James graduated from Georgetown Preparatory School, in Rockville, MD and then Williams College with A. B. in Chemistry/Classics. He rounded off his education with a Ph. D in Chemistry from University of California at Berkeley. He held several positions doing research and teaching before joining the faculty of Loyola Marymount University in the department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Before his retirement last June, he had served as Chair of the department and a member of the faculty senate. He was a self-described "rabid" science fiction fan who taught a course for nonscience majors that explored "the science in science fiction that does and does not add up."

An enthusiastic proponent of electric cars James owned several including the EV1, a Ford Ranger EV and finally a Tesla.

Up until the end James enjoyed life, sharing good food and wine and great conversation with people – he savored his family and friends and was admired by all for his courage, perseverance, intelligence and unique sense of humor. He was a true inspiration to all who knew him.

James is survived by his wife, Catherine Osborne Roe, his step-sons, Shea, Thor and Christian Becker, his sister, Marcelle Langendal (Anders), his brother, Nash Roe (Jeannette), his aunts and uncles, Frances Kestler, Colette Roe and John Roe, nephews, Erik and Christian Langendal and Kevin Roe and niece, Sarah Roe and many cousins. He is predeceased by his parents, James and Marie Roe and his sister, Julie Roe.

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A celebration of his life and mass will be held on December 12, 2017 at 2 pm at the Chapel at Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles, California and also on January 13, 2018 at 10:30 am at Our Lady of the Isle Church on Shelter Island, New York.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in his memory can do so at the Island Gift of Life Foundation at <http://www.islandgiftoflife.org>, the Alzheimers Research Foundation at <http://www.alzheimersresearchfoundation.com> or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at <http://www.michaeljfox.org>.