Alfred O. "Woody" Woodford
1890–1990

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Alfred O. "Woody" Woodford, a pioneering California geologist, founder, and longtime member of the Pomona College Geology Department, died in his sleep at Pilgrim Place Health Center in Claremont, California, on June 29, 1990, just four months after celebrating his 100th birthday.

Woodford advanced significantly the science of geology in California, founded one of southern California's first college geology programs, and was a highly respected teacher whose students went on in impressive numbers to hold prominent positions in the field. His popularity as a teacher and his lifelong associations and friendships with many of his star geology students are legendary.

Born on February 27, 1890, in Upland, California, Woodford was the

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