

Motorbike crash kills a 'perfect' architect

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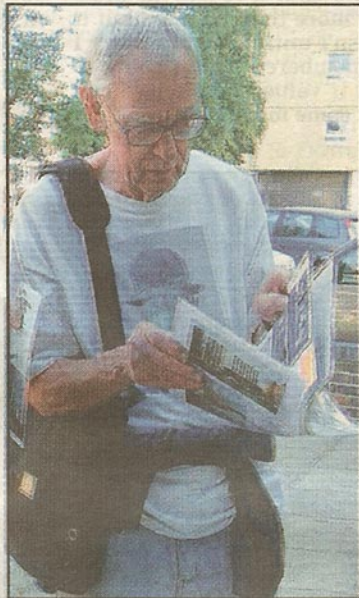
A 76-year-old motorcyclist who died nine days after colliding with a car in Battersea has been identified as local architect Michael Horsman.

Mr Horsman was on his Honda 90cc motorbike in Battersea Rise on February 10 when he crashed with a VW Golf.

He suffered serious head injuries and was taken to St George's Hospital in Tooting, where he died on February 19.

Mr Horsman, a Battersea resident for more than 20 years, was the lead architect on Ralph West Hall in Albert Bridge Road, Battersea.

The building, which was completed in the 1970s and was formerly used as student accommodation, has become the focus of community campaigners in the last few years who want to save the building from over development.



Michael Horsman

Mr Horsman's partner for more than 40 years, Jenny Sheridan,

described her partner as "perfect".

She said he kept a keen interest in architecture after he retired when he was 60.

She said: "He was still very interested in buildings in the borough, particularly the towers planned in Clapham Junction, which he wasn't fond of."

As well as the Ralph West Hall Mr Horsman also designed the old boiler house at Kingston Hospital.

He studied at Kingston College of Art and lived in Putney. He later moved to Fulham, with Ms Sheridan, before settling in Battersea.

Mr Horsman was also an amateur photographer, and had a picture chosen for Wandsworth Council's photographic exhibition last year.

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