

*On behalf of Norm's family, thank you for attending today.*

*The family requests any memorial contributions to be directed toward the Norman Breslow Endowed Professorship in Biostatistics at the University of Washington. To donate, call 206.543.4047 or visit [www.biostat.washington.edu/giving](http://www.biostat.washington.edu/giving)*



# *Norman E. Breslow*

February 21, 1941 - December 9, 2015



**Norman E. Breslow, Ph.D.**  
Emeritus Professor of Biostatistics  
University of Washington

Norman E. Breslow was a founding scholar of the modern field of biostatistics. Since the early 1970s, he made seminal contributions to statistical theory and its applications in epidemiology and the broader biosciences. Norm was a scientist with a lifelong dedication to both rigorous research methodology and careful and reproducible applications to advance medicine and public health.

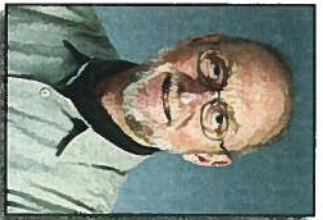
Norm was born on February 21, 1941, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Lester and Alice Breslow. The eldest of three sons, he grew up in the Bay Area of California. He received his B.A. from Reed College and his Ph.D. from Stanford University, and joined the University of Washington faculty in 1967. Norm's brilliance and sense of adventure took him to heights both professional and physical. He adored being in the mountains and was a member of the Seattle Mountaineers Club, the Sierra Club, and Club Alpin Français. He loved listening to folk and classical music, and he documented his life in stunning photographs. A dedicated Francophile, he spent part of each year at his second home in the village of Pierrevet, France.

Norm was a founding member of the Wilms Tumor Study Group dedicated to improving the treatment of this pediatric kidney cancer. His two research monographs, published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, have had a major impact on the design and analysis of case-control and cohort studies in epidemiology, and he continues to be recognized as a Highly Cited Researcher by the Institute for Scientific Information.

Norm was also a member of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and received numerous awards for his research work. He was a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, Honorary Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society and Honorary Life Member of the International Biometric Society. He held honorary doctorates from the University of Bordeaux II and (jointly) from the University of Hasselt and the Catholic University of Leuven.

The legacy of Norm's leadership is reflected in the many current academic leaders he influenced during his nearly 50-year commitment to training and mentoring future generations of scientists. He spent his entire career at the University of Washington where he was a founding member of the School of Public Health and chaired the Department of Biostatistics from 1983-93. Only days before his death, Norm was still working on the forthcoming Handbook of Statistical Methods for Case-Control Studies.

Norm was beloved by his family as a son and brother, husband and father, uncle and grandfather. He is missed.



## *A Celebration of Life*

*Saturday, February 27, 2016*

*Prelude*

*Welcome: Patrick Hegerthy*

*Professor and Chair of Biostatistics, University of Washington*

*Master of Ceremony: Thomas Fleming*

*Professor of Biostatistics, University of Washington*

*Ross Prentice*

*Member, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and*

*Professor of Biostatistics, University of Washington*

*John Crowley, Chief of Strategic Alliances, Cancer Research and Biostatistics*

*Xibong Lin, Professor and Chair of Biostatistics, Harvard University*

*Nilanjana Chatterjee, Professor of Biostatistics, Johns Hopkins University*

*Marco Carone, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, University of Washington*

*Interlude*

*Jon Wellner*

*Professor of Statistics and Biostatistics, University of Washington*

*David Thomas*

*Emeritus Professor of Epidemiology, University of Washington*

*Robert Smythe*

*Emeritus Professor of Statistics, Oregon State University*

*Breslow Family Members*

*Closing Remarks: Bruce Weir*

*Professor of Biostatistics, University of Washington*

*There will be a Reception in the Walker-Ames Room following the service.*