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National Ski Patrol mourns former Medical Adviser Warren Bowman Jr., M.D.

Warren Daniel Bowman Jr., M.D., a renowned ski patroller, physician, mountaineer, outdoorsman and author, died on March 3, 2017, at his home in Billings, Montana. He was 87 years old.

"Warren represented all of the best of the National Ski Patrol," said NSP National Board Chair Jim Woodrum. "His pioneering efforts to train ski patrollers in Outdoor Emergency Care have helped save many lives. The ski industry is forever grateful for his vision, selflessness and hard work."

Dr. Bowman was a committed patroller, serving as medical adviser to the National Ski Patrol for 30 years and writing the acclaimed medical textbook "Winter Emergency Care," as well as three subsequent editions of the textbook. He was an acknowledged expert source for ski patrol systems across the globe and was the recipient of the 1989 Award of Excellence in Education from the American Society of Association Executives. He was also extremely active in the Wilderness Medical Society.

He was the recipient of many of the National Ski Patrol's highest honors for his exemplary service, including the National Outstanding Ski Patroller Award in 1977 and 1987 and multiple Distinguished Service Awards. He was inducted into the National Ski Patrol Hall of Fame in the inaugural class of 2013.

In 1990, Warren was recognized with the Minnie Dole Award. This extremely rare award recognizes those exceptional patrollers who have closely exemplified the long-term dedication, devotion, and self-sacrifice of NSP founder Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole.

"Warren was a thoughtful, generous, kind and gentle man with a great sense of humor, and I have always felt honored to have known him," recalled long time fellow patroller Mike Huber, an NSP board member.

Current NSP National Medical Adviser David Johe, M.D., stated, "Warren was my mentor and a very good friend. He loved the ski patrol and his kind demeanor was unsurpassed. I will miss him."

Dr. Bowman was born on Jan. 4, 1930, in Richmond, Va., the first child of Dr. Warren D. and Olive Smith Bowman. He grew up in Washington, D.C., graduated from Bridgewater College in Virginia in 1950, and received a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1954.

Warren had a lifelong love of the outdoors, and joined the Billings Clinic in 1960 in part because of the

access to Montana's unique and beautiful wilderness. He started at the clinic as a general internist and soon became one of the first board-certified hematologists and oncologists in the region. He was deeply respected, and saw thousands of patients from Montana and Wyoming over nearly 40 years of practice.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his children, Carolyn, Joan, Amy and Eric and their spouses and children; and by his stepchildren, Mary and Steven, and their spouses and children.

About the National Ski Patrol

The National Ski Patrol is a federally-chartered nonprofit membership association dedicated to help keep people safe on the mountain and during other outdoor activities. For 79 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 28,000 members serve the skiing public at over 600 resorts. For more information, visit www.nsp.org.