



Wesley "Wes" Wallace

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Wes Wallace was a world-class field and structural geologist who is best known for his contributions to understanding Brooks Range orogenesis. That work, together with his studies in the Bering Sea, Southwest Alaska, and in the Alaska, Chugach, St. Elias, and Talkeetna mountains, enabled him to develop a modern, overarching perspective on the tectonic evolution of the entire state. He was known internationally for his work on structural geology processes, especially fault-related folding and mountain belt evolution. He was an acclaimed field geologist and an expert at interpreting field relationships with his very deep knowledge of stratigraphy, structure, metamorphic relationships, and beyond. Wes was a gifted teacher, training dozens of students over 30 years at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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