



Donald "Don" H. Richter **1926-2004**

Don Richter, aka Mr. Wrangells, considered one of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) most meticulous and accomplished geologists, was Scientist-in-Charge of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory (1961–1963), worked for the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (1963–1967), and for the USGS (1967–1994; emeritus until 2004). He published detailed geologic maps of the Wrangell Mountains followed by the first seminal paper defining the Totschunda Fault in 1971. His prototype Alaska Mineral Resource Assessment Project folio of the Nabesna Quadrangle was published in 1975. He was pivotal to the success of the fledgling Alaska Volcano Observatory. In addition to many geologic maps of the Wrangell volcanic centers, he authored popular accounts on the geology of the Wrangell Mountains, including the *Geologic Guide to the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve*, published in 2000.

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