

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Death

Action Requested: Adoption of Memorial Statement

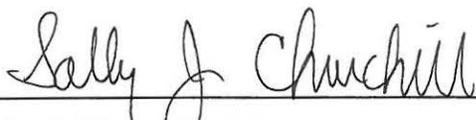
The Regents of the University of Michigan acknowledge with profound sadness the death of **David L. Ronis, Ph.D.**, research scientist in the School of Nursing. Dr. Ronis died on June 26, 2015.

Dr. Ronis received his B.A. degree from the University of Rochester in 1972, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University in 1974 and 1977, respectively. He held faculty positions at Franklin and Marshall College (1977-78) and Oakland University (1978-80). Dr. Ronis served as a research investigator (1983-86) and adjunct research investigator (1989-97) in the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. He was appointed adjunct research investigator in the School of Nursing in 1990, and was promoted to assistant research scientist in 1992, associate research scientist in 1999, and research scientist in 2008. Dr. Ronis served as director of the School of Nursing's Statistical Consulting Team from 1993-2015.

An exceptional research psychologist and statistician, Dr. Ronis played an instrumental role in the success of the School of Nursing's research program. He excelled at conducting robust power analyses to determine the sample size and research design features of grant proposals. Dr. Ronis was an expert data analyst with extensive knowledge of survey design, linear and logistical regression analysis, and the analysis of variance. His major grants explored a number of issues including the predictors of breast cancer detection behaviors, the correlates of periodontal disease preventive behaviors, and the predictors of oral health in African Americans. Dr. Ronis also conducted noteworthy research on attitudes and decision making, health psychology, health related behaviors, and health services. He authored or co-authored over 150 journal articles in the leading scholarly publications, gave over 130 presentations at professional meetings, and was a long time member of the American Psychological Association and the American Statistical Association. His colleagues will remember him fondly for his wit and good nature, his friendship and support, and his incisive scholarship.

As we mourn the loss of our beloved colleague, we extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Sheila, his daughter Heather, his son Jason, and his many loving relatives and friends.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill, J.D.

Vice President and Secretary of the University

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