



Dear WBMT friend,

Bob Negrin informed us today that on Jan 9th Karl Blume passed away suddenly. He was a pillar of the Bone Marrow Transplant Program, Cancer Institute and Stanford Community but also of stem cell transplantation in general. We remember him as a unique mentor, as an excellent teacher, as a dedicated physician and as a real gentleman. His book on stem cell transplantation edited together with Don Thomas is known to all of us. We remember also his enormous contributions in the reduced intensity conditioning programs in the Seattle consortium and in improving outcome of clinical stem cell transplantation for patients with leukaemia and lymphomas. His ideas and comments were always welcome and wise. In the most difficult situation he had the right answers and has to be acknowledged for the success of stem cell transplantation world wide.

We miss a dedicated, compassioned scientist/physician and a unique friend in the stem cell transplantation world. He will remain in our hearts and be present in our day to day work. We will let Vera know how close we are to her.

Thank you, Karl

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