

Bruce Bloxom obituary

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Bruce Bloxom (1938-2020), a long-time member of the Psychometric Society, the American Psychological Association (an important contributor to Division 5), and the field of Psychology, passed away on October 9, 2020 (age 82). Bruce was born and raised in Washington State and earned his undergraduate degree at Princeton University. In the mid-1960's Bruce graduated with a Ph.D. from The University of Washington in quantitative psychology. His major professor was Dr. Paul Horst. From 1965 until 1989, Bruce taught at Vanderbilt University in the Psychology Department in the area of psychometrics--with research specialties in the areas of the scaling of human preferences and mathematical modeling of human response times. Bruce was elected President of the Psychometric Society in 1984. His presidential address, published in *Psychometrika* in 1985, was titled "[Considerations in psychometric modeling of response time](#)." Upon retirement from Vanderbilt in 1989, Bruce served as a senior scientist for the Department of Defense Personnel Testing Division in Monterey, CA. (1989-1995). Friends of Bruce remember him as a remarkably kind and bright person. He is also remembered as an outstanding tenor in Monterey's favorite Barbershop Quartet.