

BILL WHITE

Memories



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IN MEMORY OF BILL WHITE



Photo: 1 @SCBS, 1991, San Diego

As we come together to honor the life and legacy of Bill White, we invited you to join us in sharing your memories, reflections, and heartfelt anecdotes that capture the essence of his profound influence on our global community.

Bill White was not only a respected colleague but also a beloved friend and, teacher, mentor to many of us. His dedication and leadership, demonstrated through his tenure as IIBA president and years of service on the Board of Trustees, have left an indelible mark on our history.

Through this collection of prompt memories, we aim to celebrate Bill's life by preserving the moments and stories that encapsulate his enduring impact.

Whether it's a shared experience, a fond memory, or a reflection, each contribution serves as a tribute to his remarkable life and the profound influence he had on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Thank you for your contributions and taking a moment to reflect on your interactions with Bill and to share your memories with us. Your words serve as a testament to his lasting legacy and the profound impact he had on our institute and the lives of those around him.

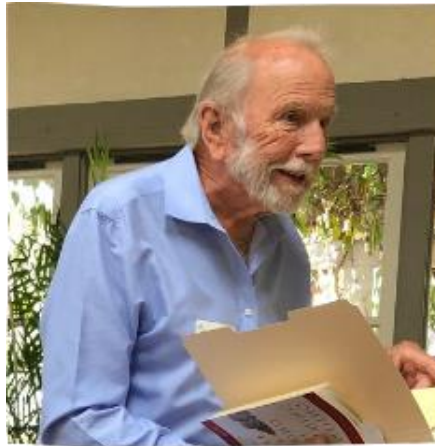
Thank you for joining us in honoring the memory of Bill and celebrating his extraordinary life.

Léia M. Cardenuto

IIBA President | Léia Cardenuto



MEMORIAL NOTE



March 9, 2024: We as an IIBA community lost one of our precious members. Bill White passed away. He passed peacefully in the presence of his loving family, wife, children, grandchildren and friends. Bill was 84 years old.

Bill began his relationship to Bioenergetic Analysis in 1972 as a founding member of The Southern California Institute. He soon became a local trainer and then an international trainer for several societies especially, California, Italy and Switzerland.

Eventually he was unanimously chosen by us to be our Executive Director.

Bill's talents are numerous but none so special as his **loving spirit and open heart**. He thoroughly enjoyed life and invited all who met and knew him to do the same.

He will be greatly missed.

| *Michael Conant and Bob Hilton (Berkeley, CA, USA & Irvine, CA, USA)*



POEM

Honoring Dr. Bill - Bringing Us Home to Ourselves

That title holds respect for your training and experience
I wonder if "Doctor" might also refer to
The one who brings the medicine that is needed
The medicine of consistency
The medicine of empathy
The medicine of attuning
The medicine of humor
A steady presence of acceptance.

We have felt your heart beat in response to the tangles we bring here
Tangles that confuse us and tangles we trip over again and again
In the early days we often lived in the chaos of our own projections
Your capacity to listen and receive each of us
Helped us to eventually own what was ours to own
Taught us to be compassionate toward our tangles
Not that it was easy, but you showed up and respected our struggles
And we learned greater respect for each other.

Our anger was supported
Opening doorways to grief.
We learned to grieve together.
Our hurt was not mocked, but tended.
Our fear was met with kindness.
Our longing was met with tenderness.
Our shame was allowed to come out of darkness and into the light.

And now as we say good-bye
May you feel our gratitude and our love.
May powerful and sweet memories be woven
With strands of appreciation into a warm blanket
That holds you as you have held us.

May you know and cherish the impact you have had on each of us.
We know that we have touched you as well.
That's what makes our journey together over so many years
Such a precious treasure.

Thank you, Bill, for the twinkle in your eyes
For your strength and wisdom
For honesty and patience.
For standing for us and with us!

Gail wrote this poem when Bill retired from leading the "master's group" of the Southern California Institute for Bioenergetic Analysis 2 years ago.

Diana Guest: "Bill facilitated our group for 25 years. We met 4 weekends a year for many years and then later 3 weekends a year where we did our own work. Bill had a great influence on all of us. He had also been a trainer for each of us during our Bioenergetic training."

| Gail Warner & Diana Guest, San Diego, CA, USA)



Photo: 2 Bill White, Diana Guest & Bob Hilton

MEMORY PROMPTS

"I first met Bill at the Whistler Conferences. His quiet **solidness**. Playing tennis. I'm glad to have met you, Bill, & better for it."

| Alex Munroe (Guelph, ON, Canada)



"I am a Bioenergetic Analyst trained at the IIFAB in Rome, and for years Bill has been an exceptional trainer for us. I still remember his **bright, penetrating gaze, his kind and reassuring smile**. His scent was unique and opened my heart, awakening the consciousness of 'being' and awareness. He was generous in sharing fragments of his life and his most intimate feelings. I will always remember him with love and nostalgia because if I am the therapist I am, I owe it to him too."

| Anna Rosa Francoletti (Senigallia, Italy)

IT "Sono una Analista Bioenergetica formata all'IIFAB di Roma e per anni Bill è stato un nostro formatore eccezionale, ricordo ancora **il suo sguardo luminoso, penetrante, il suo sorriso buono e rassicurante**, il suo profumo era un grande e mi ha aperto il cuore e risvegliato la coscienza di "essere", la consapevolezza. Era generoso nel raccontarci frammenti della sua vita e dei suoi più intimi sentimenti. Lo ricorderò e porterò sempre nel cuore perché se sono la terapeuta che sono lo devo anche a lui. Con amore e nostalgia."

| Anna Rosa Francoletti (Senigallia, Italy)



"It has been a while since I have had contact with Bill, but I am remembering his **kindness and his generosity**."

| Barbara Davis (Austin, TX, USA)

"My training was from 1986 to 1991, and in these years, Bill White was the most important international trainer for me. I am still very sad that he has passed away, but he remained and will remain always present for me.

This photo was made on 25th of May, 1986, at the end of our first intensivo regarding the schizoid character structure, an incredibly intense experience for me and all of us.



Photo: 3 Training Group in Italy (May 25, 1986)

I remember very well some phrases he expressed in those days, especially a sentence regarding the reality of heartbreak in the past. The phrase is:

*The thing of which we are afraid has already happened,
and what we are defending
is the acknowledgement of it.*

Another striking phrase was:

This fear stops celebration.

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| Christoph Helferich (Bagno A Ripoli, Italy)



“When I think about Bill, what comes to mind is how gently, yet firmly he held me during my first year of training as I regressed so deeply into my infant terror, and how since those so many years ago, **he has consistently held an open, loving, and playful energy** whenever I’ve been in his company.

An adjective(s) that best describes Bill is/are heartfelt, curious, interested, available, and solid.

The trait that I admired most about Bill is his consistent, solid, loving, welcoming nature.”

| *Garet Bedrosian (Ramona, CA, USA)*



“I rarely met Bill personally apart from the meetings formally organized by the IIBA and being both trainers in Rome, first him as coordinator. I've always thought of Bill as **elegant, gentlemanly, intelligent and full of humanity.**

We were privileged to have him as President of the IIBA at a very important time of transition, and I'll not forget that.”

| *Guy Tonella (Gibel, France)*



“Bill was a **kind gentleman and a clear thinker.** He was an excellent teacher, took on the reins of the IIBA during a difficult transition, and did so with little ego and a great deal of patience. He had a ready smile and will be missed by many.”

| *Helen Resneck-Sannes (Santa Cruz, CA, USA)*



“So many incredible memories of his **powerful presence.**”

| *Janet Pinneau (Grants Pass, OR, USA)*



Photo: 4 Tribute to Bob Hilton in 2022



“When I think about Bill, what comes to mind is a **feeling of gratitude** imagining their contribution, even though I didn't know them. Peace & light for Bill!”

| *Laurence Heitzmann (Lyon, France)*



"I have fond memories of Bill from Whistler, and particularly when he

threw his hat in the ring.

at the Arles Conference, volunteering to be the first person to take the mantle of president of the IIBA, on the year of the restructuring of our organization, with all the unknowns this major organizational shift implied.

I remember him as a **courageous and a kind man**. He deserves to be remembered for his contribution as a teacher, as a therapist and as a person committed to the development of our organization and that of Bioenergetic Analysis."

| Louise Fréchette (Montréal, QC, Canada)



Photo: 5 Bill White, SCBC 1991, San Diego, CA, USA



"Bill White was an extraordinarily important mentor for me. I count myself so fortunate to have had him as a Bioenergetic trainer.

His gift and teaching for me was through his sheer presence: **grounded, inviting, calm, open and so very authentic and natural**. He provided me ideal

conditions for learning. I sought consultations with him long after formal Bioenergetic training.

I have not seen him in many years, and his presence remains with me, as it will since he has left his body."

| Maggie Locke (San Diego, CA, USA)



Photo: 6 Bill White, SCBC 1990, San Diego, CA, USA



"I was lucky enough to have Bill as a teacher during my Bioenergetics Training, in Milan (Italy). I remember him as an empathetic, warm, focused and competent person, I learned a lot from him!

May his journey continue in the light!"

| Maria Rosaria Riccio (Mozzecane, Italy)



"I'll never forget the moment, when Bill came to me during an IIBA meeting in France (a long time ago) and asked me to belong to the Board of Trustees. From then on, something changed quite a lot for me and for my "ex" future. I'm sorry that with time we sort of lost our exchanges and contacts.

Bill was such a **dear, warm and grounded man** and I had not only affection for him, but also a sincere admiration."

| Maryse Doess (Paris, France)



"I first met Bill at the 25th anniversary of that institute at a faculty meeting in 1981 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Bill was a man of **great heart and sincerity**. Revealed sometimes in small gestures. We shared the stage at the 30th anniversary conference of SIAB. My talk followed his, and took a darker more painful direction than his, as suited the reality of our histories, and somatopsychic beings. When I returned to my seat in the audience, in the row behind him, he reached back and touched my leg, with affection, comfort, appreciation. All conveyed by his gesture.

Of course, there were other aspects to him like the funster rollicking in the back of seat of the car as we travelled back to the conference venue at that same event from a lunch with dignitaries, and were thrown from side to side, he, my late wife, Elaine, and I, as the car travelled, with the usual Italian driver's abandon, on the twisting roads of the Sorrento Peninsula. He brought many of the characteristics I and others aspire to in his work as psychotherapist, and as a person. I will miss his presence among us."

| *Scott Baum (New York, NY, USA)*



"The first thing I think of is how Bill was so **generous and unconditionally loving** - as a mentor, trainer, and supporter of our local and international Bioenergetic societies."

| *Vincentia Schroeter (San Marcos, CA, USA)*

