

Tribute to Bill Levacy

Bill and I were speakers at many ACVA conferences and even though I had read all his masterful books on Vedic Astrology, I did not really get to know him until I became a teacher for ACVA's online school. In the early days we had instructor conference calls where we would all share ideas and develop the program that evolved through each other's feedback. Although we all listened to one another, it was Bill's leadership that defined its direction and held the group together. He was assertive without being aggressive, intelligent without being dogmatic, and compassionate without letting anyone step over him. Education was Bill's passion and we had that special bond in common. He went back to school for his Ph.D. in Education and I went back to school for my M.A. in South Asian Languages and Cultures. He interviewed me for his dissertation. We laughed together at the NAMA conference in Chicago and anyone who knew Bill recognized his wry wit and singular sense of humor. Sometimes you did not even realize he was cracking a joke. The last time I saw Bill was in June 2014 at the annual Jyotisa conference at the Arsha Vidya Gurukulum in Saylorsburg PA, where he impressed everyone with his insightful and—in keeping with Bill's style—very visual presentation entitled "Astrological Signs for Lying in the Charts." I was so happy that attendees who had never heard Bill speak were able to absorb his wisdom. We will all miss you Bill, and I send my condolences to his personal and professional family, and especially to his wife Peggy who accompanied him on so many of his travels, and whom I met on several of those. Travel well Bill. You will always be remembered.

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