



Tribute to Elizabeth Anne White

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Liz was a brilliant star in the psychodrama galaxy. Whether you encountered her one to one, or as a presence in a group, as a leader in a group, as trainer or through her books; your encounter was memorable.

I had the privilege of knowing, working with, and loving Liz for over 40 years. She initiated bringing LIFE SKILLS to the YWCA in Toronto, when we worked together there. She was curious about models and saw their relevance and introduced them into a new system. She was influential in bringing Psychodrama to Toronto in supporting Ann Hale to establish a training program here in 1975. She was the first Chair of the original board of the TCPS. Her husband Ian was also on the board, as a lawyer helping in the incorporation. Most of the workshops in the early days took place in her house or her cottage. She also created the model of the New Life Program, a treatment program for women who had been abused and



were in danger of abusing their children. We co created this program for mothers and children together. Liz was an amazing administrator, and after a few years she left the program in my hands, moving on to create anew. She established a training program in Saskatchewan. Her work took her all over the world, including Switzerland, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Israel, Turkey, the U.K. and destinations throughout North America.

She was a woman who loved deeply and was deeply loved. She guided many through tumultuous times and left her mark on everyone she encountered.

We are all the better for having known her.

Though she died suddenly on a cruise with her beloved husband of 60 years, she left a wonderful legacy of her four children and nine grandchildren. Though the brilliance of her presence is gone, we are left with the after-glow in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Liz has been a vital, committed member of the psychodrama community and recipient of the ASGPP J.L. Moreno Lifetime Achievement Award. I will miss her generosity, her laughter and friendship over the long years. We met in 1974, forty years ago in October. — Ann E. Hale

Liz has been an important member of the psychodrama collective in the United States and Canada as an innovator, an author and a creative woman. Her passing is a great loss to our community. I have known her for 20 years and will miss her light, inspiration, kindness and spirit. — Louise Lipman

I am deeply saddened by the news of the loss of Liz White to our community and to my life personally. I first met her during my 9 years of being on the American Board of Examiners and found her so full of life, so joyful and always so spontaneous. In later years our paths crossed many times at BPA, ASGPP and other international conferences and she was always a ray of light around the world. Her good work will be missed but her joyful spirit even more! — Kate Hudgins

I am so sad. Liz was such a wonderful woman and fine psychodramatist. Such a huge loss. Our memories of her and her terrific books will always be with us. My condolences to all that have loved her. — Rebecca Walters