

In Memory of Franklin F. Wolff

After the passing of Franklin F. Wolff on October 4, 1985, a memorial service was held two days later at his Lone Pine, Calif. home. Andrea Pucci, who has been Franklin's companion for the two previous years, lovingly arranged the living room for the ceremony. Gene Sedwick, who was a student of Wolff's dating back to Chicago in the 1930's, gave a commemoration of his life and work. Fay and Harry Newman, two longtime students also originally from Chicago, sang two songs as a tribute. There were over forty-five people in attendance, coming from California, Oregon, Arizona, and New York. Another memorial service was held in Phoenix, Ariz. on October 20, 1985. Hosted by Helen Briggs, Wolff's step-daughter-in-law, the service featured Robert Briggs reading from the *Tibetan Book of the Dead*, followed by readings from *Pathways Through to Space* by Sharon Briggs and Sherie Palmer. Attendees were invited to serve their feelings about Franklin Wolff.

A number of people sent cards as well as expressions of sympathy and the influence of Wolff on their lives, some of which are listed below.

- I do want all of you to know what it privilege it was for me to meet Dr. Wolff. It is not often that one has the opportunity to be in the presence of such a spiritual giant. I consider it a grace and again wish to thank you for making it possible.

Much love,

Rose Kupperman (Virginia)

- All our love and thoughts are with you. Franklin has deeply touched Gary and me as we have journeyed along our paths. We both loved him.

Mandy & Gary Karcz

- Dr. Wolff has passed and my heart moves in both sadness and joy. There is sadness because we have all lost the incarnate form of a clear friend and wise teacher. Yet there is joy, for he has completed his journey and is home, leaving us signposts and beacons through to Space. May we all possess the courage and simplicity to follow the signs and allow the beacons to light our way. Albert Einstein said of Gandhi at his transition something which could as well be said to Dr. Wolff: "Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth." Franklin's presence is so strong. My tribute to him is to continue teaching his work, carrying the spirit wherever I go.

In appreciation and love,

David Long (Sacramento)

- I feel extraordinarily grateful for the time I spent with him last year. His life and work has indelibly stamped my own and I shall always cherish his memory. Please keep me abreast of your plans and give my love to all the family.

Joel Morwood

- The sorrow that you feel today we cannot truly share, But may it comfort you to know we understand and care.

The John Flinn Family

- I grieve selfishly as a truly great elder passes back into the substance of our dreams.

Brugh Joy (Hawaii)

- To an American Sage, What is holy is joyful and free.

Beverly Oliphant & John

- Farewell in Love.

Gene and Lillian Sedwick

- Holding you gently in my mind and heart.

Diane Harrison

- What we value in this exceptional man cannot be captured by listing his unique combination of impressive characteristics: mystic, philosopher, mathematician, sage and spiritual teacher. Those of us who were fortunate enough to enjoy a close association with him will miss his presence. Yet, he has said in *Pathways Through to Space*, “He who touches this book touches a man.” From courageous compassion he related, honestly and completely, the account of his own spiritual journey in order to guide us on ours; from the perspective of Fundamental Realization he formulated the Aphorisms—the inspired and inspirational synthesis of introceptual and conceptual thought which forms the crowning glory of *The Philosophy of Consciousness Without an Object*. Truly, his essence lives on in his works. More intimately, having touched our hearts and minds, his essence lives on in us. When we consider his passing, in appreciation for his absolute commitment to the Enlightenment of mankind, let us Release our weary Warrior of Light to the GREAT SPACE.

Ron Leonard