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WILLIAM (BILL) F. KAUTZ, a retired minister of the United Church of Christ who viewed life as an "adventure in wholeness," died May 6, 1996 in Honolulu at the age of 81. His formal education was interrupted in 1941 by service, as a conscientious objector to war, in projects in a North Carolina mountain camp, a Philadelphia mental hospital, and a freighter sailing to northern Europe to replenish livestock. He received an A.A. from Northwestern University in 1941, a B.A. from Elmhurst College, and a B.D. from the University of Chicago after W.W.II. He ministered to churches in Illinois, Wisconsin, New Mexico, and Hawai'i and in a Book Room. He remained in touch with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) who had helped him during the war years.

Remembering his own bilingual childhood, after retirement Bill tutored refugees from Laos and Vietnam in English and assisted them with the citizenship process and employment. He also continued his own studies at the University of Hawai'i, following up earlier interests in philosophy, women's studies, peace studies, and transpersonal psychology. He read eclectically, continually looking for new ways for himself and those he assisted to grow toward personal fulfillment and wholeness.

At age 75, Bill experienced a severe paralytic stroke. His meditative practice was invaluable in accepting his disability and in complementing other therapies. Bill strongly believed that he continued to have a purpose in life, shared workable ideas wherever he could, and eagerly listened to new ideas affirming the importance of the life of the spirit.

—Amanda Kautz

BARBARA NEWTON, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu (UHWO), died of cancer on Christmas Eve, 1995, at the age of 52 after an 18-month illness.

Dr. Newton began her teaching career at UHWO in 1976, the first psychologist hired on the faculty of this then newly-established upper-division institution. The only psychology faculty until 1989, she designed and developed the psychology program still in place at UHWO. This program, which during Dr. Newton's tenure contained a course in Transpersonal Psychology, emphasizes research at the undergraduate level. In great part because of Dr. Newton's guidance and inspiration, approximately 50 percent of UHWO's psychology graduates have gone onto graduate schools. Dr. Newton was also responsible for establishing a Substance Abuse Certified Program at UHWO.

Besides teaching, Dr. Newton had a private practice and incorporated many of the principles of Transpersonal Psychology into her therapeutic approach. She was also actively involved in research and scholarship, publishing articles on ethnic identity, gender differences in educational achievement, the effects of television on behavior, and the effects of stress on maturation.

A life-long catholic, Dr. Newton was also for many years a member of the Honolulu Diamond Sangha, a Zen Buddhist society, serving, as well, on its Board of Directors.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Brandon, Associate Professor of Educational Evaluation at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; by her mother, Rosemarie Chisolm; and by her stepfather, John Daugherty.

—Rebecca Lee