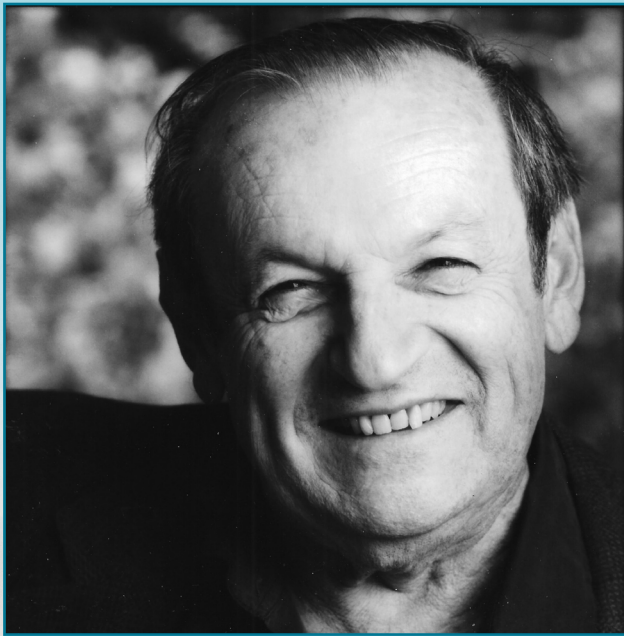


A LOVING
Tribute



ZOLTAN WOLF GROSS
JUNE 20, 1920 - MAY 27, 2023

ZOLTAN WOLF GROSS

ZOLTAN WOLF GROSS was a psychotherapist for nearly 70 years, who was beloved by his patients and revered as a mentor to many therapists. Before the age of one, his young mother brought him to America from Hungary, traveling to Liverpool, then on the Cunard Line to New York. At age seven they moved to Los Angeles where his single mother raised him and he sold newspapers on street corners and magazines door-to-door during the Great Depression. As a young adult he joined the Army Air Corps for World War II and navigated airplanes all around the world. Upon his return to civilian life he attended UCLA on the GI Bill and became a clinical psychologist. In the 1950s he was a victim of McCarthy's witch hunts — losing his job at the Veterans Administration because he had subscribed to newsletters and attended meetings of groups with many different political and world views. He then launched a successful private practice where he actively saw clients and wrote, until the pandemic forced him into an early retirement at the age of 99.

Zoltan pioneered novel therapy treatments focusing on developing his patients' emotional skills in order to manage their dysfunctional behaviors. He wrote two books, *A Portrait of the Person*, and *Changing Habits of Mind*, where he proposed a neurological model of personality and revolutionary methods for psychotherapeutic change. As a professor, he trained many other clinicians at UCLA, Antioch, and California School of Professional Psychology, and was a seminar leader, a group therapist, and consultant on his unique ideas for helping patients.

He was perpetually young, always curious, playing with and teasing anyone he encountered. He loved to be provocative and challenged everyone about their habituated patterns. He had questionable taste in clothing and loved what he called martinis (vodka, an onion, and the aroma of vermouth). He was a wise, thoughtful, and sometimes controversial man who confronted his own issues through the course of his life. He appreciated the complex beauty of humans and found a certain peace, appreciation, and joy in his work, his family, his garden, and a life fully lived. He passed away at home next to his loving wife of 35 years, Patricia, on May 27th at 102 years young. Zoltan is survived by his wife, three sons, stepdaughter, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of whom he liked to tease mercilessly.



Program

WELCOME

Jonathan Gross

FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

Richard Gabriel

Andrew Gross

Lisa Pool-Osorio

Patricia Gross

15 minute Break

FRIEND REMEMBRANCE

Nuno Conceicao (via video from Portugal)

Margaret Rosenau


Mark Harris

David Brandes

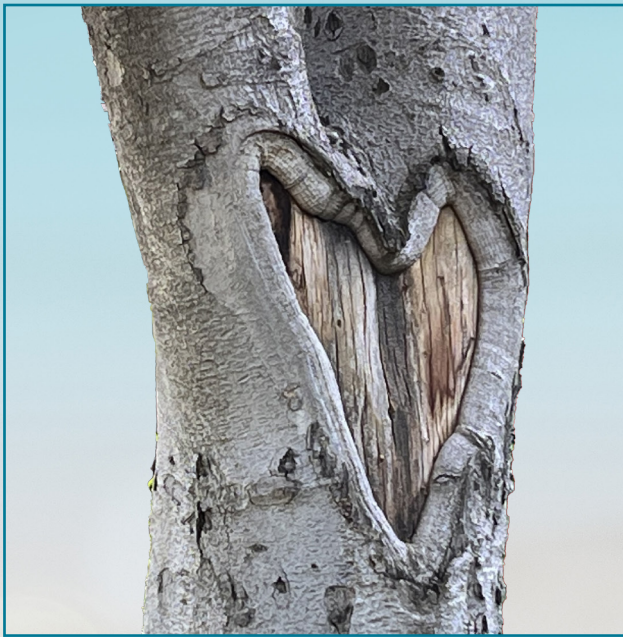
Jay Wagener

Allyson Lovina Phelan

Open to others who signed up to speak



Forever
in our hearts



Please help us keep his memory alive by
sharing stories and uploading photos to
<https://everloved.com/life-of/zoltan-gross/obituary/>