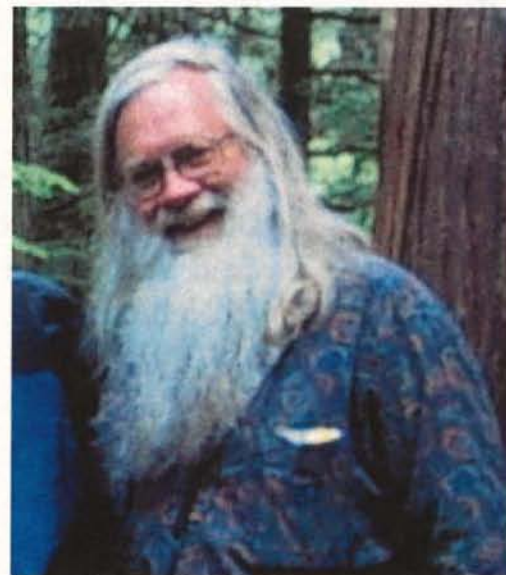


James Robert Lawrence died on Friday, March 11, 2005 from pneumonia. Bob was born in Louisville, Kentucky on January 23, 1943 and grew up on a farm in Deatsville, Kentucky. He graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory High School in Bardstown, Kentucky, received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Bellarmine College, and a Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Illinois. Bob worked as a teacher and research chemist at the University of Illinois, Indiana University, Dartmouth College, the University of Wisconsin, and Harvard University. Bob was a devoted father and intensely loved his family. He is survived by his wife Cynthia Haq; his four children, Raza, Aaron, Heather, and Isaac; his five brothers, John, Sam, Joe, Frank, Bruce; his seven sisters, Verlee, Christy, Cathy, Linda, Theresa, LaVerne, and Inez; his sisters-in-law Shareen and Shara Haq, and dozens of cousins, nephews, and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father James, his mother Cecilia, his brother Allen, and his sister Mary Evelyn. Bob was an avid outdoorsman, organic gardener, creative cook, voracious reader, cosmologist, philosopher, and political activist. He loved the mysteries and beauties of nature and enjoyed bird watching, meteorology, music, and photography. He explored the history, cities, cultures, and wild places of much of Europe, Africa, and Asia, and North and Central America. He inspired us to find beauty and take pleasure in simple things and to continually learn about our world. He sought stimulating conversation and intense debate. He made everyone he met feel special and was a nurturing mentor, patient tutor, and role model to many. Bob was a member of the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society in Madison. Bob's family extends gratitude to the compassionate staff of the Meriter Intensive Care Unit and to family and friends who provided love and support during his illness and throughout his life. A celebration of Bob's life will be held at the Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 2 p.m. Burial will take place at St. Gregory's cemetery near Bardstown, Kentucky, on March 15, 2005.

Celebration of the Life of Bob Lawrence



Wisdom: the love of everything.

January 23, 1943 - March 11, 2005

Prelude Orange Schroeder, Harp

Welcome Aileen Nettleton

Candle Lighting Isaac Lawrence

Buddhist Prayer Rikzin Namgyal

Silent Meditation

Spirit of Life Prairie Choir

Poem Frank Lawrence

Flowers of the Forest Mary Mullen, Judy Wacker,
Doleta Chapru, Ruth
Calden, Warren Hagstrom,
Al Nettleton

Reading Raza Lawrence

Riddle Song Mary Mullen

Reading Aaron Lawrence

Ash Grove Doleta Chapru,
Ruth Calden,
George Calden

Reading Heather Lawrence

Syrinx - Claude Debussy Marilyn Chohaney
Flute Solo

Words of Tribute Joe Lawrence

Music

Reflections and Recollections

Benediction

Drumming Postlude Rockameem

You are invited join the family for conversation and refreshments following the service.

The family invites you to send stories and memories about Bob if you wish by email or post. These will be collected for the children in a Memory Book.

The family suggests that memorial gifts in Bob's name be directed to the Friends of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Highway.