

In Memoriam

Alan S. Gurman, PhD

Family therapy and family psychology lost one of their greatest contributors and a host of people lost a warm and highly valued colleague with the passing of Alan S. Gurman, PhD, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack on October 6, 2013, in Madison, Wisconsin, USA. Gurman, 68, blazed trails as a researcher, theoretician, clinician, teacher, supervisor, editor, and author, mentor, and integrationist in the family therapy field.

Perhaps he was best known on the international scene as lead editor of the influential *Handbook of Family Therapy*, the first volume of which appeared in 1981. Other well-known and highly appreciated contributions included the *Clinical Handbooks of Couple Therapy*, the fifth edition of which he was editing when he died. He was the third editor of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* (1980-1990), served on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin Medical School's Department of Psychiatry from 1973 for the remainder of his life, becoming Emeritus Professor in 2006, and served in various teaching and related positions at Northwestern University and Harvard University.

Among the many awards he received from various organizations such as The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the American Family Therapy Academy, was the Society of Family Psychology's Family Psychologist of the Year award, bestowed a few weeks before his death.