

# DR. WILLIAM "BILL" FISCHER



Dr. William Fischer, psychologist and professor emeritus at Duquesne University, passed away on April 14, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Eve; his son, Michael; three stepsons, Eric, Adam, and Todd; and six grandchildren, Jacob, Isaac, Lex, Emerson, Asher and Zoe.

Bill was born on April 10, 1934, in Queens, New York, to parents who had immigrated from Hungary to escape the growing dangers of Nazism. He grew up with a strong appreciation for the opportunities afforded by his family's move to the United States.

Bill's distinguished academic career began at the University of Michigan, where he earned his Bachelor's degree. He then continued his education at the University of Connecticut, earning a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1961.

From 1961 to 1962, Bill worked as a research associate and instructor of psychology and psychiatry at Yale University. His commitment to his field led him to join the faculty at Duquesne University in 1965, where he played a key role in pioneering the psychology department, specifically within the field of existential phenomenology, sharing his knowledge and passion for psychology with his students.

In 1970, Bill published his first book, 'Theories of Anxiety: An Empirical-Phenomenological Study of the Experience of Being Anxious'. In addition, he contributed to numerous articles and ran a successful private practice. His writings, therapeutic work, and child custody evaluations contributed significantly to the field of psychology, and his work continues to inspire future generations of psychologists.

Bill cherished the time he spent with his family and his role as a mentor to his students and colleagues.

A service will be held in his honor, 10:00 a.m. Friday, **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp. 15220 (412-563-2800). Visitation with the family half hour prior to service (9:30 to 10:00 a.m.). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. William Fischer's legacy will live on through his contributions to psychology, his family, and the many lives he touched during his lifetime.



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