

The Old Man:

Tim Boyd Speaks about His Friend and Mentor

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To hear Tim Boyd tell it, it just sounds like stories from his youth, but at the age of nineteen, he met and befriended a profound person in Chicago who would become his teacher for decades. Theosophy idealizes people like the person Tim describes, people who give everything they have to the cause of bettering the world and benefiting the people in it, yet we seldom hear their names. You will not find Bill Lawrence's story written in Theosophical archives, yet he was a true Theosophist by any definition.



Bill Lawrence

Tim describes Bill as a man with immense spiritual presence, but also as a charming individual with welcoming charisma. When asked about when they first met, Tim describes a time when he was a student on vacation from Brown University. His cousin, Barrett, was the one who first introduced Tim and “the Old Man” which is how Bill Lawrence's students affectionately referred to him. Tim describes sitting with his cousin and several other young