

Family Therapist Deaths in 1912

Betty Carter, September 11, 2012

Gordon L. Hirshhorn, June 6, 2012

Frank Smith Pittman, III, November 24, 2012

Betty Carter (May 13, 1929—September 11, 2012), died in Amherst, Massachusetts after a long illness. A Bowen family therapist and a feminist, she was a founder and director of the Family Institute of Westchester in Mount Vernon, New York and probably best known internationally for her classic books on the family life cycle co-authored with Monica McGoldrick and for the Women's Project in Family Therapy, a group she co-founded with Peggy Papp, Olga Silverstein, and Marianne Walters and which had a significant impact on attitudes regarding gender in families and in family therapy.

Gordon L. Hirshhorn (September 20, 1929—June 6, 2012) died at home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. A longtime family therapist, he was a familiar and welcomed figure at International Family Therapy Association congresses, appearing on the program often over the years, including the 2012 meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia. He learned of his illness with cancer later in the Spring.

Frank Smith Pittman, III (July 11, 1935—November 24, 2012) died at home in Atlanta, Georgia, of complications from cancer. A psychiatrist and pioneer in family therapy who shared in the Hofheimer Prize from the American Psychiatric Association for work a project using family therapy rather than hospitalization, became nationally and internationally known for his writings--books (especially *Turning Points*, *Private Lives*, *Man Enough*, and *Grow Up!*, magazine columns including his delightful movie columns in the *Psychotherapy Networker*—had retired from active practice in 2011.