

IN REMEMBRANCE of Bernard J. Somers, 79, Psychology Professor

Bernard J. Somers, professor of psychology at California State Los Angeles, who taught for 40 years, and practiced clinical psychology for four decades, died of complications of cancer after a short illness. He grew up in Brazil. In the Navy in WWII, and an officer, he went to Dartmouth for Chemistry, and then to duty in the Pacific. After the war, Somers worked briefly as a chemist and volunteered as a lay therapist. He earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Columbia University. Somers was a



full professor of psychology at California State University at Los Angeles for 37 years, and conducted a private practice on the Westside of Los Angeles for 40 years. Well-known for his skill as a group therapist, Somers specialized in groups for men and adult mixed groups. He wrote numerous professional

articles, including contributions to the **Journal of Humanistic Psychology**. Throughout his life, Somers remained active in the social justice, peace, anti-nuclear, and environmental movements. He marched on Washington with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., rallied for fair housing in Watts, and offered his services pro bono to the Southern California Counseling Center. In 1990, he made Buddhist pilgrimages to Thailand, India, and Nepal.

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Gilbert has had an interest in psychology and mysteries for more than thirty years. Both have fascinated her since childhood in part because her grandmother communed with the inner images of her imagination. "She told me she was a medium and spoke to people who had crossed over," says Gilbert. "My grandmother also understood astrology, dream interpretation, and practiced Laying on of Hands as a Christian minister. All this seemed normal to me, and I had a head start



at an early age into things esoteric." Ten years ago, she began the study of Tarot and says it is her biggest fascination since she discovered boys in adolescence. Gilbert studied with Christine Payne Towler, who has continued as her mentor for several years. They expanded their study to include Western esotericism and astrology as they worked with the cards.

As a nurse, Gilbert decided to write a book and bring Tarot into the nursing profession. She was a guest on radio stations, including Jerry Pippin's Internet radio show on demand at www.jerrypippin.com. After reading cards for a listener on that show, she did other radio interviews and on-demand Internet radio shows, where her sessions were recorded and put on many web sites. Gilbert now has her own show, **It's in the Cards**, which can be heard on www.jerrypippin.com, and through her web site at www.itsinthecards.org. Gilbert's Internet broadcasting shows are recorded and put on the website for on-demand listening 24/7.



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