

*„There are only two ways to live your life.  
One is as though nothing is a miracle.  
The other is as though everything is a miracle.“  
– Albert Einstein*

Gattikon, 03 May 2021



William Patrick “Bill” Hovey (59) of Lake Placid, New York, and Gattikon, Switzerland, died Saturday, May 1, 2021, after braving seven months with terminal brain cancer (glioblastoma multiforme).

## William (Bill) Hovey

18.08.1961 to 01.05.2021

Bill was a passionate educator who dedicated his life to breaking down the silos in traditional education and leading students on a search for deeper understanding. Never satisfied with a simple recitation of facts, he pushed his students to think creatively, critically, and, above all, independently. Bill’s unique multidisciplinary approach to history, paired with his quirky style, enthusiasm, and a true delight in his students, set him apart. Bill was a force of nature in the classroom, and much beloved.

Bill Hovey took his last breath at home in Gattikon, Switzerland, surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife Carmen Crenshaw-Hovey and devoted sons Sam and Aleksander Hovey, as well as a vast network of dearly loved extended family, friends, colleagues, and students.

While no funeral service is currently scheduled, celebration of life ceremonies in Lake Placid, NY, and Gattikon, Switzerland, will be announced at a future date. Those interested in knowing more about the Swiss memorial may contact Bill’s wife Carmen at [carmencrenshawhovey@gmail.com](mailto:carmencrenshawhovey@gmail.com); those wanting details about the Lake Placid ceremony may contact Bill’s sister Tracey at [hoveytracey@yahoo.com](mailto:hoveytracey@yahoo.com). For more about Bill’s journey with glioblastoma, visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/billhovey>.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations to the memorial fund set up to help finance Bill’s youngest son’s final two years of college.  
<https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofbillhovey/home>