

Dear Naomi, since I read about your health condition and also followed, the interview with Vicky, you have been with me. It is sad. It is comforting to know that you have your close ones by your side.

You changed the narrative, Naomi!

You are blessed!

THANK YOU!

We have to look back thirty years from the very first meeting in 1991. We connected easily and on the spot we asked you if you had possibilities to come and train us. So, from that day we began to develop a curriculum and started a course for the first level in Validation, along with work-shops. I do recall all meetings, planning, discussions and cultural events. Walking you back "home" after days full of work, talking and sharing life experiences, was a pleasure. To be by your side, Naomi, was great.

The first Certification, worker-level, took place in Stockholm 1994. The teacher-level in 1996. You took a great responsibility to connect us all in Europe. A lot of traveling took place during these years. The creation of EVA 1993 came out from this. (And, I found a photo from the first international Teacher-meeting, Klagenfurt 1996).

Dear Naomi, what you have given the world is outstanding. Your personality and life included wisdom and your strength to show us, the obvious, what the essence of Life is about. Love and understanding in the name of Fantasy and Empathy. You, and the Validation Method give us human beings the gift in opening our eyes and ears. To communicate and connect is of utmost importance for us all to stay human. To meet you, to learn from you helped me open up my own personal life and also given me a professional life full of meaning. It is Art that you provide, as you are gifted and blessed with a soul of poetry.

The Poets light but Lamps -

Themselves – go out –

The Wicks they stimulate

If vital Light

Inhere as do the Suns -

Each Age a Lens

Disseminating their

Circumference –

Emily Dickinson, about 1865; published 1945.

It took me several days to search for old photos. You will soon receive them, the ordinary, old way = snail delivery.

Kristina Telerud is also sending her best regards,

With Love, Rita Schwarz, Stockholm.