

Nina van Gorkom has passed away

The world-famous Dutch Dhamma and especially Abhidhamma scholar and teacher Nina van Gorkom passed away peacefully on 30 December 2023 at the age of 95.

She learnt about Theravāda Buddhism in Thailand in the 1960s, particularly from her teacher Ajahn Sujin Boriharnwanaket. Deeply convinced, she has since then dedicated her life to the study and teaching of the Dhamma, wrote numerous books, translated, lectured and was active and well in demand in Buddhist forums and online study groups. Nina also had the ability to convey the Abhidhamma in a very inspiring and approachable yet authentic way, for which she was appreciated worldwide - especially in Thailand, Vietnam, India, Sri Lanka and the USA - and was frequently invited. Despite her limited mobility, she was still accepting invitations from her students to Thailand and Vietnam in her 90s - she used her wheelchair and walker to do so in an uncomplicated and cheerful manner.



Her well-known books are "Buddhism in Daily Life", "Abhidhamma in Daily Life", "The Conditionality of Life", "Cetasikas", "The Buddhist Teaching on Physical Phenomena", "Latent Tendencies"; probably her most important translations of her teacher's works are "The Perfections Leading to Enlightenment" and "A Survey of Paramattha Dhammas".

These and more of her books are available at www.abhidhamma.org and www.zolog.co.uk for free.

More about her life and work:

https://alwell.github.io/Book_details/nina

https://alwell.github.io/Book_details/ninatribute

I am grateful that I was able to get to know Nina personally and that I could occasionally exchange thoughts with her. Her writings will certainly continue to accompany me and inspire me along the way. Thank you, Nina!

Agganyani

Aniccā vata saṅkhārā	All conditioned things are truly impermanent,
Uppāda vaya dhammino	their nature is arising and decay,
Uppajjitvā nirujjhanti	once born, they pass away.
Tesam vūpasamo sukho.	Their stilling is true happiness.