



David W. Bartelt PhD.

July 31, 1944 - May 15, 2015

David W. Bartelt, PhD, of Ardmore died May 15, 2015 at the age of 70. He was husband to Pearl, dad to Susan and Deborah (Andrew), 'Gampa' to Joshua and Ethan, brother to Jeannette, Margie (Kari), Robert (Merrill), Liz, Kate (Rick), Fred (Ruth), and Matthew (Karen), brother-in-law to Irene (Bob) and Fred (Joan), uncle and great uncle to a multitude of nieces and nephews, 'Chief' to colleagues, and occasionally Skippy to everyone who experienced his utterly wrong and wonderful sense of humor. He was predeceased by his parents, Mildred and Fred of Philadelphia.

David was passionate about his work and spent his career focused on racial and economic divisions especially as it related to housing inequality and neighborhoods, first as a professor in the Sociology department at Glassboro State College and then in the Geography and Urban Studies department at Temple University and was a visiting professor at Kings College London. David became an emeritus professor in 2012. He was a co-principal on the Metropolitan Philadelphia Indicators Project and a co-author of Philadelphia: Neighborhood, Division and Conflict in a Postindustrial City and also published works on housing, redlining, Latino workforce development, the development of American cities, and local economic development. David had a long-term relationship with The Reinvestment Fund and received external funding for his work from the William Penn Foundation, The Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Corporation for National Service.

David's community service was far reaching. He was on the executive committee of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, a board member on the Philadelphia Council for Community Advancement, a member of the Latino Workforce Development Task Force Steering Committee, and a member of the Policy and Planning Working Group for the 21st Century Delaware Valley Reinvestment Coalition. He was also veritable font of knowledge on the City of Philadelphia and its inner workings. In his students' own words, he was supremely intelligent and humorous with an interesting, in depth perspective on Philadelphia, he genuinely wanted students to learn about their cities, and enjoyed the ensuing debates on how to approach and understand them. He was passionate about social justice and righting inequality of all kinds and deeply ingrained that in his children and his students.

His family and friends loved and adored him and truly enjoyed spending time with him, whether it was debating and discussing issues in the living room, just talking around the table at a large family gathering, or watching him tell his grandsons countless stories. His eyes would twinkle with delight, pride, and love when surrounded by his family, and he radiated an inner warmth and kindness along with his fierce intellect. It was this warmth he exuded that led more than one child to mistake him for Santa Claus (or Père Noël in one case).

A memorial for David will be held on Friday, May 22, at 2:00 PM at Thomas Great Hall on the campus of Bryn Mawr College where people will be welcome to share their memories and thoughts of David. Visitors are welcome at the Bartelt residence in Ardmore on Thursday, May 21, from 5-8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either The Reinvestment Fund, Attn: Richard D'Amico,

1700 Market St, 19th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to support the Melanoma Program at Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Center and sent to 3535 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Tribute Wall



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May 21, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David W. Bartelt PhD..*



May 21, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ *Hello,
I have read of your recent loss, and wish to send my condolences.
I too have felt the pain of losing a loved one in death. During difficult
times such as this drawing close to The Lord in prayer will bring you
comfort. Isaiah 66:13*

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Hicks*

Mrs. Hicks - May 19, 2015 at 08:30 AM



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May 18, 2015 at 05:56 PM