



Thomas C. Felicetti Ph.D.

June 18, 1946 - February 11, 2024

Thomas C. Felicetti, Ph.D., of Ardmore PA, died at the age of 77 on February 11th, 2024.

Born on June 18th, 1946 in Brooklyn NY, Tom committed his professional life to respecting, protecting, and maximizing the lives of youth and adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries.

Tom graduated with a degree in political science from Hunter College, received a master's from Boston University, and then earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Antioch University. He channeled his wit, humility, and unwavering empathy into an accomplished career spanning several school, residential, and medical facilities in the Northeast, with notable leadership positions at Avalon School at High Point and Beechwood Rehab.

A respected scholar and talented writer, Tom also published on a variety of topics, including discussions about the complex yet powerful relationships that exist amongst clients and staff within the therapeutic milieu. Tom was keenly adept at understanding both the lived experience of his clients and the administrative needs of a successful organization. His goal was always to

better the lives of those around him.

He loved his family. Tom met Barbara in 1967 at Boston University, where they discovered they lived in the same congressional district at home in New York City. After college, Tom and Barbara wanted to pursue a placement together in the Peace Corps and married to ensure this. They were assigned to teach English in Somalia. Tom and Barbara worked at a residential treatment center for troubled adolescents in New Hampshire. They welcomed the birth of their son John Luke on August 24th, 1982, in Pittsfield MA, before settling in Ardmore PA, where they made their home for the last 36 years among the neighbors of Woodcrest Avenue.

Tom will also be remembered for his interests including the buying and selling of fine books, international affairs, and the community of local bars and restaurants.

Tom is survived by his wife, Barbara Whyte Felicetti, his brother Daniel A. Felicetti, Ph.D., his son John Luke Felicetti, son-in-law Thomas F. Viviano, Ph.D., and sister-in-law Katherine (Whyte) Langway.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to:

The Peace Corps Global Fund

<https://www.peacecorps.gov/donate/global-fund-spf-gbl/>

Where a dedication contact is requested, donors may supply:

John Felicetti

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Previous Events

The family will receive guests

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, Inc.
30 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
(610) 642-6303

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ *Im so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I'll miss him walking his dog. He was a true and car ing man. I'll miss him, Barbara labricciosa*

Barbara labricciosa - June 20, 2024 at 01:51 PM

DC

“ *Memories ... Marsha and I met Tom and Barbara in 1973 where we all worked in a residential facility for very bright and severely disturbed kids. We've been in and out of touch for the 50 subsequent years including some years I was working for him at Beechwood in the mid-90's. Sad to see you go, Tom. Rock on! Sad to hear about your loss, Barbara. Much love ... Howard & Marsha*

Dr. Howard Covitz - February 17, 2024 at 06:53 AM

KE

“ *I met Tom 40+ years ago through a mutual friend. I didn't know him well nor did I see him often. Nonetheless, I enjoyed and appreciated his wit and his insights into the "human condition." I know that Tom was a devoted NY Mets fan. As it happens, last weekend I began reading "So Many Ways To Lose," the story of the Mets. As I finish the book over the next couple days, I will be thinking of Tom. RIP, friend.*

Ken Werner

Ken - February 15, 2024 at 10:26 AM

TB

“ I served under Tom as his Clinical Director from 1992 until his retirement from Beechwood Neuro-Rehab, the post-acute community re-entry prong of our corporate firm, the WOODS School, in Langhorne, PA. Under Tom’s tutelage Beechwood gained a national reputation as one of the best facilities of its type. Gifted leaders frequently have less stellar managerial abilities, but Tom commanded exceptional skills in both roles, no doubt honed by his Head Coach’s role of the Beechwood slow-pitch, high arc Soft-Ball Team. Very few activities captured his passions more than a competitive soft-ball game followed by libation and food at an establishment known as the Irish Rover. He enjoyed wonderful relationships with so many and believed the benefits of a therapeutic community nurtured by seasoning the relationships with everyone created a synergism impossible to duplicate with the managed-care model of piecemeal services. Tom loved his family, athletics, rare books, and a conversation enjoyed with Bob Dylan once in a Bar in the village. He was a clinician, scholar and researcher recognized by the American Congress of Rehabilitative Medicine as a Fellow.
Dr. Tom Blash

Thomas Blash - February 15, 2024 at 08:39 AM

JH

“ Thank you for your leadership, your sense of humor and your mastery of combining the two! Working with you was a gift.

Janella Hecker - February 14, 2024 at 08:16 AM

BG

“ Dr. Tom was a very accomplished professional committed to high-quality services for consumers by supporting and mentoring staff. His personal demeanor often reflected a well-developed sense of humor, characteristic of diverse intelligence traits and interests. He was an all-around good guy and very decent colleague. A big loss to family, friends, and the professional community. Bob Griffith

Bob Griffith - February 14, 2024 at 05:28 AM

SN

“ I am sad to hear of Tom's passing. I worked with him at Beechwood center in Langhorne for many years. I looked up to Tom in many aspects of life. He will truly be missed.

Sharon Netzer - February 13, 2024 at 04:26 PM

TH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I looked forward to seeing him at conferences where his infectious humor was always guaranteed to lighten the mood and bring people together. He was warm, upbeat, creative, and dedicated to the helping professions. He will be sadly missed.
Tessa Hart, PhD

Tessa Hart - February 13, 2024 at 10:43 AM

RM

“ I worked under Tom's leadership at Beechwood NeuroRehab. Tom was a very intelligent man and wonderful mentor to many over the years. But Tom was primarily a warm, caring, fun man who always stopped to talk or share a joke with clients and staff. Tom loved horse racing and books. He played softball many years with staff making sure to spend equal time at a local tavern afterwards. He was never too busy to spend time with any and all. In fact, he shared lunch with staff and clients every day. They don't make them like Tom anymore. He is deeply missed and loved.

Richard Mahr - February 13, 2024 at 07:49 AM

KT

“ Tom was a kind man and a great leader. I learned so much from working with a team of professionals under his tutelage. He challenged each of us to be creative in meeting the needs of our clients, to push harder to help each one reach his/her goals. His sense of humor lightened even the most difficult meeting. He often spoke of his wife and his son, whom he clearly adored, thus setting a model for his younger colleagues by making it very clear that family comes first. I can't tell you how much I appreciated the opportunity to work with Tom. My very best to the family at this sad time.

Kathy Lee Thornton

Kathy Lee Thornton - February 12, 2024 at 11:01 PM

AA

“ *Special memories of Tom Felicetti.*
He is very kind and generous person. I've known him for over 2 years caring him and his wife Barbara. He always so happy for me the give him a shave, his happy was so exciting when give cheers to everyone. He always say peace 🙌 when I'm leaving. You're so missed. RIP.

Anita Allen - February 12, 2024 at 04:26 PM