

Dr. Thomas P. Weil

October 2, 1932 - August 25, 2016

Tom Weil, 83, passed away on August 25, 2016, in Asheville, NC.

Tom grew up in Mt. Vernon, NY, the son of the late Dr. Hans and Alice Weil. Professionally, he spent his career focusing on the organization, management and financing of health services, particularly among hospitals. He was a graduate of Yale University's program in hospital administration and received his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in what is now called health policy and management. His early career was teaching graduate students at UCLA and the University of Missouri-Columbia. The latter included teaching at the University of New South Wales, Australia, as a W.K. Kellogg Foundation professor.

At the age of 38, Tom resigned a tenured full professorship at the University of Missouri and spent the next 30 years as a consultant with an emphasis on planning and financing health services. His clients ranged from small rural hospitals to major medical centers. He was President of Bedford Health Associates, first in Katonah, NY, and then Asheville, NC. Tom authored or co-authored of over 225 professional papers and the author of one book focused on the efficacy of hospital mergers, published in 2001 (University of Michigan Press).

Surviving Tom is his wife and best friend for over 52 years, Janet Whalen Weil. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Janice Whalen (Houston, TX),

sister-in-law Linda Whalen (Ocala, FL); nieces and nephews Alysse and Ken Rueckert (Danville, CA), Kathi Whalen (Nashville, TN), Sean and Katrina Whalen (Cary, NC), Stacey and Steve Rauch (Lancaster, OH), Trevor Ford (Ravenna, OH) ; and six great nephews and five great-nieces.

Aside from family, friends, and professional colleagues, his major interests were horses and dogs. Tom and his bloodhound, Meggie, were charter members of the North Carolina Search and Rescue Dog Association. He was a long-time member of the Biltmore Bridle and Saddle Club and rode on the Biltmore Estate and elsewhere with great gusto.

A casual service celebrating Tom's life will be held on Monday, August 29, 2016, 11:00am, at his barn at 1400 Town Mountain Rd, Asheville NC. The memorial service, officiated by Rabbi Batsheva Meiri of Beth Ha-Tephila congregation, will include the walking of his favorite horse, Chelsea, by his great niece, Eva Whalen, and longtime riding friend, Tara Thompson. A light lunch will follow.

In lieu of flowers, Tom wished you to consider sending contributions to a charity relating to the welfare of children or animals.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tom's Barn
1400 Town Mountain Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Thomas P. Weil*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Tom, I hope you got a resent ride in before your next journey .I will miss you but well always remember you riding at a gallop everywhere you went. Always introducing me to the interesting people that you rode with. I feel special that I was one that you choose to ride with.*

Jan, I am sorry for your loss. I wish the next stage of your life is filled with friend,family and love.



audrey Goforth - October 03, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Jan, I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I remember house sitting for dogs when you all went on vacation when I was a graduate student. Tom was instrumental in helping develop as a manager and a man. My thoughts and prayers are with you at the time of sadness. Richard Jones.. Class of 69*

Richard Jones - September 08, 2016 at 02:34 PM

BM

“ Jan: you, Tom, and your family and friends have been in my thoughts and memories. Sorry I could not join for the ceremony of his life: I was working in court at the time to better the financial lives of children of Buncombe County. I'll miss him very much including sharing Asheville Tourists baseball games with him and you, many thanks Tom for those tickets and thinking of me. Bless him and you for all your so many wonderful lives and works.

Barry Master

Barry Master - September 01, 2016 at 06:06 PM

TR

“ Everyone at Eliada, including our horses, was saddened to hear of Dr. Weil's passing. Dr. Weil has been very supportive of Eliada. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.

*Tami Ruckman
Director of Development*

Tami Ruckman - September 01, 2016 at 03:02 PM

CA

“ I wish offer condolences to Jan Weil and the members of the Weil. Family. My best memories of Asheville are trail-riding with Tom and his friends. I regret that I was unable to ride with him the last ten years. He was my best friend.

Carl Aufdermarsh August 30, 2016



Carl Aufdermarsh - August 30, 2016 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ Along with my daughter, I spent a wonderful week with Tom and Jan in the summer of 2011. I came to visit from New York City to begin to learn--late in life--to ride a horse. Tom taught me how to prepare a horse for riding and care for it after the ride, and he arranged for the property caretaker at the time to instruct me in riding every day. It was a wonderful experience. My daughter also enjoyed playing with Mocha, the poodle. Every year since then, Tom has encouraged me to return to ride "my horse," which was Chelsea, his favorite horse, but I had not taken him up on his offer again. I'm also grateful to Tom for his interest in my family (we are cousins on his mother's side) and my career in public health research. I so admire that he was still writing terrific manuscripts for publication, and never seemed to run out of ideas for more. I send condolences to Jan and all the family from myself, my husband Mel, and my children, Dan and Andrea.

Susie Hoffman - August 30, 2016 at 02:26 PM

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Susie Hoffman - August 30, 2016 at 01:44 PM

JL

Jan, As you well remember Tom and I didn't always agree on the direction healthcare should be going but he was a great supporter throughout my long career in healthcare. From his decision to let me into the graduate program at Missouri as a senior I grew from a student with little direction to freshly minted healthcare professional. Tom set me on a career course where I had an opportunity to influence the great industry we served.

Tom never stopped thinking about how we could make healthcare delivery better even though we still haven't reached his dream of universal healthcare coverage. I wish you the best as you go forward without your best friend. I have visions of Tom on horseback with the dog at his heels riding someplace better. Fondly, John Lloyd(Class of 1970)

John Lloyd - September 11, 2016 at 09:15 AM

NT

“ *Sympathy and prayers go to the family of Tom Weil. He was a great man with smile a for everyone. I will miss seeing him at my barber shop.*

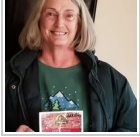
*Neil Thagard
Neil K's Hairstyling
Asheville*

Neil Thagard - August 29, 2016 at 10:13 AM

JN

“ *Jan - I've been thinking of you all weekend. On Thursday, I ran into Kelly Schaffer, who used to work at Eliada. She told me about all Tom's support and participation in their equine programs. I never knew. The two of you did so much for our community in your own way.*

Jennifer Nehlsen - August 28, 2016 at 06:43 PM



“ *Jan, we are sorry to hear of Toms passing. Wishing you comfort at this difficult time and sweet memories. Always enjoyed time spent with you.*

Nancy and Dick DiRienzo

Nancy DiRienzo - August 27, 2016 at 08:50 PM

BS

“ *Bruce and I are saddened to hear of Tom's death. We are holding you close at heart during this tender time.*

Bruce and Jo Stahle - August 27, 2016 at 10:04 AM

HB

“ *Mary Ann and I sent our condolences to you, Jan, as we all recall fondly the colorful times we had with you and Tom -- the grandchildren's visits to the horses, the Yale dinners at your home, the Biltmore organ recitals, Tom's vivid recall of the Gloversville hospital where Mary Ann was born. He will be missed by us all.*

Howard Bakken - August 26, 2016 at 09:28 PM

DT

“ *Janet and Family, We were saddened to hear about Tom's recent passing. It seems only yesterday that he visited us in Ann Arbor! I have such warm memories of you both as Tom treated my son, Reed, to a horse ride and some "doggie" time, and of the dinner we all shared in your beautiful home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and Tom is in our hearts.*

Denise Tanguay and Jonathan Dean

Denise Tanguay - August 26, 2016 at 04:13 PM