



## Tom J. DePaul

August 23, 2024

Artist, designer, athlete, sailor, world traveler an aficionado of fine food, good cigars, and aged scotch, Thomas J. DePaul died Friday, August 23rd of complications of Parkinsons, Multiple Myeloma, and Covid. He was 81. Born in Philadelphia, the son of Romeo and Mary Mancini DePaul. He was the husband of artist K.K.DePaul.

He graduated from Philadelphia College of Art, and in 1969, he and his first wife Ann moved to Lancaster to accept a position with Armstrong World Industries in their Design Dept.

In 1972, he left his position at Armstrong to establish DePaul Design, specializing in interior design. The offices were housed in a former tobacco warehouse where DePaul focused his design abilities on rehabilitating older buildings. By 1976, the firm had grown and moved to its location on Arch St in downtown Lancaster.

During a chance meeting in an Italian class, he met the woman who would become his best friend, and later, his second wife. They sat at a table in a cafe in Paris, and decided to pursue a life in art. Tom rekindled an old love of painting, and in 2005, together they opened Gallery DePaul on the first floor of Tom's building on Arch St. In addition to mounting monthly art exhibits, Tom and Kim taught a series of photography workshops in Paris, Florence, and

Venice.

Tom has exhibited his paintings at the Ware Center, Red Raven, and Isidore Gallery. To view Tom's paintings, go to: [www.tdepaul.com](http://www.tdepaul.com)

In addition to his wife Kim, Tom's family includes daughters Arianne DePaul Maloney and Danielle Stephenson, granddaughters Sophia Maloney and Skylar Stephenson, brother Jack DePaul, stepsons Seth and Sam Haldeman and canine buddy, Skeeter.

And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.

Friends and family are invited to attend Tom's Celebration of Life Gathering on Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street Lancaster, PA 17603.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

SEP 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
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<https://thegroffs.com/>

# Tribute Wall



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - September 13, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Dear Kim and the DePaul family,*

*So sorry for your loss. Tom was a kind and talented man. Many fond memories of the DePaul Gallery on Arch Street, great exhibitions, packed First Fridays.*

*Sincere condolences,  
Liz Todd Lambert*

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**Elizabeth Lambert** - September 10, 2024 at 06:42 AM

RS

“ *Dear Family members:*

*Spent so many hours with Tom on the Hamilton Club squash court and events.*

*He was a good talent in whatever he did and I admired his artistry.*

*Sorry to miss the service as will be out of town.*

*With deepest sympathy.*

*Ron and Dee*

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**ron smith** - September 07, 2024 at 08:43 AM

LF

“ Love, the Robert Civitella family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Tom J. DePaul.



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**Love, the Robert Civitella family** - September 06, 2024 at 12:27 PM

LF

“ Love, the Robert Civitella family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tom J. DePaul.

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**Love, the Robert Civitella family** - September 06, 2024 at 12:27 PM

BF

“ Many memories of Tom as our neighbor on Orange Street: Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera as neighbors worked to tidy our gardens . . . a surprise birthday dinner under the full moon one August, with perfect Bananas Foster for dessert . . . visits to the Italian Market in Philadelphia to sample the specialty foods of Tom’s memories . . . long conversations about travels and architecture . . . and a treasured photo of our table at Chartier in Paris following his trip to see for himself . . . chicken pie at our house on snow days, down to the last crumb. . . memories fresh forever. Bob and Nancy Frankhouser

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**Bob & Nancy Frankhouser** - August 27, 2024 at 11:01 AM

LR

“ Hello Kim and Tom DePaul family - So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. A great guy and a great neighbor. Fond memories of being neighbors on Lancaster Avenue and then when he moved to West Chestnut Street. And our get togethers, cooking and enjoying wine. Serving as "barender" for the original First Friday Art walks at the gallery on Arch Street when we served wine and cheese. Tom designed the interior of our house on Lancaster Avenue. Great exchanging ideas and working with him. RIP Tom and all the best to you Kim. Sincere condolences to the family.

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**Larry Roskos** - August 26, 2024 at 08:09 PM

SH

“ Loved working with Tom on Old Town and other projects. He was so talented and fun to work beside him! S Dale High

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**S Dale High** - August 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM