



Thomas J. Falciglia Jr.

July 10, 1943 - January 15, 2018

Thomas J. Falciglia Jr., 74, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away peacefully on Monday, January 15, 2018, from complications of ALS. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. A resident of Bonita Springs for 22 years, formerly of Merrick, Long Island (NY).

Tom was born July 10, 1943 in the Bronx, NY, the son of the late Thomas J. and Constance Falciglia Sr. He worked in the banking industry from the age of 18, retiring as a Senior Vice President of Chase Bank in 1997. He was a man of intellect and heart, who had an unparalleled ability to celebrate life and cherish his family, friends and community. Tom served on the board of advisors at the Centers for the Arts of Bonita Springs and was instrumental in forming the the annual Bonita Springs International Film Festival. He was also a proud participant in the Make-A-Wish Foundation, where he served, at various times, as a Board Member and "Wish-Granter". He was also on the Advisory Board of Hodges University, and enjoyed mentoring young children as a Big Brother. His interests, which included a talent in photography, were varied and always pursued with his trademark spirit and inclusiveness.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Paula Falciglia; loving daughter, Lisa Ferrante of Estero, FL; cherished granddaughter, Livia Ferrante; sister, Marilyn and husband Charles DePoalo of Palm Coast, FL; sister-in-law, Barbara Sciarrillo of New York; nieces and nephew, and cherished friends.

Family and friends are encouraged to participate in a virtual memorial service by visiting the website www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com., signing in to Tom's page, and sharing remembrances and thoughts.

Memorial contributions in Tom's name may be made to:

Make-A-Wish, wish.org

Center for the Arts Bonita Springs, artcenterbonita.org

ALS Foundation for Life, alsfoundation.org

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Falciglia Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Tom was the namesake for the Falciglia Art Gallery at Hodges University and as such he and i had many a drink at each artist reception*

Sorry to be so late in knowing he has gone. Melody and Rob

melody hainsworth - May 04, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ *Tom was probably the best friend that I ever had in my entire life time. Although we drifted apart early on, I thought of him every single day and I am so incredibly sad to hear of his suffering and his passing*

Frank J. Masterson - March 12, 2020 at 02:49 PM



“ *ML Ferziger lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Falciglia Jr.*



ML Ferziger - January 30, 2018 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ Dear Paula, Lisa, Livia and Falciglia Family,
Where to begin to recount the wonderful memories of our dear friend Tom. A sunny day in Cartagena, Marian meets Paula, the beginning of a beautiful friendship. The many many dinners together, the travels together. The many get togethers with wonderful Falciglia family and friends. Paula and Tom at our Wedding...Paula holding one pole of a the Chuppah under which Rubin and I stood to be married. Tom, the activities director, always made sure everyone was involved in his unique activities. Tom inspired others to be creative in photography and movies. He started organizing movies for Seniors, he was involved in being a Big Brother, he also was active in Make a Wish charity. To say that Tom was a charitable man is definitely an understatement. Tom had an extraordinary talent for celebrating life. Those of us who he touched during his life will miss him terribly.
Much love,
Marian and Rubin

ML Ferziger - January 30, 2018 at 11:24 AM

TM

“ Dear Paula,

When thinking of Tom, we remember one of the most joyful persons that we have had the privilege of calling a friend. He brought warmth, intelligence, talent and, a wonderful sense of humor to every encounter he pursued. Whether it was a lovely dinner party he and you hosted or a community event, you knew you were going to have a great time in his presence!

These past several years he demonstrated his courage in the face of ALS; never losing his sense of humor despite his daily challenges. He was a man determined to live his life to the fullest while being with those he loved.

We will always remember Tom as a man of integrity to his final breath. He was a gift to all who knew him and he will be missed.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Terry & Susan McMahan

Terry & Susan McMahan - January 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM

ST

“ Dear Barbara,

My deepest and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on Tom's passing. May you all find comfort in the beautiful memories you have of him and in his beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Scott Teich

Scott Teich - January 29, 2018 at 07:06 PM

SB

“ Tom was such a visionary. Bright, articulate, and passionate about the arts, and so many other things. All of us here at the Centers for the Arts will miss him desperately. He had such a talent of bringing so many wonderful people together. His warmth and humor was like a magnet, bringing ideas, suggestions and people, all in the same room, talking about possibilities, creating artistic experiences that made people's lives so much more wonderful.. Our Films for Film Lovers foreign film program would not exist were it not for him. And our Bonita Springs International Film Festival was his vision too. He has left a gigantic legacy of artistic endeavors that will continue on, impacting thousands of people of all ages for generations to come. We'll miss you, Tom.

Susan Bridges - January 29, 2018 at 01:08 PM

MM

“ *Dear Paula:*
We loved being your and Tom's across the street neighbors in the Sanctuary. Please know that you and your family have our heartfelt condolences in this difficult time. Much love, and peace to you.
Maryanne and Doug Mulford

Maryanne and Doug Mulford - January 28, 2018 at 05:11 PM

NL

“ *What a wonderful man. Tom was a unique guy, blessed with many abilities, and uniquely capable of sharing his warmth and love of life. To know him was to understand that he was an adoring husband, a devoted and proud father, and a truly smitten grandfather. He was also a wonderful son, uncle, brother-in-law, cousin and family member of every stripe. And never was there a truer friend. It was a privilege to be counted among his many friends for almost three decades. I enjoyed countless wonderful hours in his and Paula’s company, both in the warm embrace of their home, and fabulous trips to Europe. Wherever the venue, there was a sense of welcome and a spirit of celebration one could find nowhere else. Tom was a lover of life, and an adventurous spirit: so capable of finding, and sharing, the joy in any endeavor, simple or grand. There were always equal parts thoughtfulness, empathy, humor and interest. I am grateful for the contribution his friendship made to my life, and the memory of his generosity of spirit and warmth will be with me always. It is my hope that the warmth and wonder of his memory will bring comfort to my dear friends Paula, Lisa, Livia and Barbara, as well as to the truly legions of people who loved him.*

Nancy Ledy-Gurren

Nancy Ledy-Gurren - January 27, 2018 at 11:26 AM

SC

“ *Tom's bright light will forever shine on all of us who ever knew him.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Sheila Cohen*

sheila cohen - January 27, 2018 at 05:33 AM

SC

“ *Sheila Cohen lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Falciglia Jr.*



sheila cohen - January 27, 2018 at 05:30 AM

NL

“ *Nancy Ledy-Gurren lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Falciglia Jr.*



Nancy Ledy-Gurren - January 26, 2018 at 02:39 PM