



Thomas J. Ward

September 2, 2021

Thomas J. Ward III, 62, of Allentown passed away surrounded by his loving family on September 2, 2021. He was born on July 27, 1959 in Huntingdon Valley, PA. He was the son of Margaret Ward and the late Thomas J. Ward II of Ventnor, NJ.

Tom was a 1981 graduate of Lehigh University as a metallurgical engineer with both his undergraduate and MBA. He started his career at Air Products and worked there for 33 years. Among his positions, Tom was a Global Marketing Manager of the metals industry, a General Manager of North American GenGas, Director of the SAP program, the Vice President of North American Gases and ending his career as Vice President of Global Business Support Services. He retired in 2014 and started his own consulting business, 4-Ward Consulting, LLC, for enjoyment. Tom was a wonderful leader, encouraging all those around him to excel.

His greatest pleasures were his children Kimberly, wife of Daniel Walter of Atlanta, GA, Kassandra of Orefield, PA, Kellyanne, wife of Nicholas Weis of Grafenwöhr, Germany, and his twin grandsons Allister and Carlisle Walter.

He loved traveling the world and, eating and cooking international foods with his wife Mindi. As well as, playing tennis and watching the waves at the Ventnor Beach.

He is survived by his wife Mindi Gu and step daughter Fengjia Hu, daughter Kimberly Walter, son-in-law Dr. Daniel Walter, and their twins Allister and Carlisle, daughter Kassandra Ward, and daughter Kellyanne Weis and son-in-law CPT. Nicholas Weis and former wife Cynthia Ward, brother John and his wife Ann; sisters Mary Callan and her husband Joseph, Kathleen Peppelman and her husband Walter.

There will be a viewing at the Trexler Funeral Home at 1625 Highland Street, Allentown, PA 18102 on Friday September 10th from 5pm-7pm. Tom was always the life of the party and to honor him, the family would like to do a Celebration of Life at the Arts Quest Steel Stacks in Bethlehem in the Fowler Blast Furnace Room on Saturday September 11th from 1pm-4pm. His family strongly suggests masks are worn.

Memorials can be considered to Gift of Life, c/o the funeral home.

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **10.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Trexler Funeral Home
1625 Highland Street
Allentown, PA 18102
(610) 434-9616
info@trexlerfh.com
<https://trexlerfuneralhome.com/>

Celebration of Life

SEP **11.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fowler Blast Furnace Rm, ArtsQuest Center at Steel Stacks
101 Founders Way
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Tom my whole career at Air Products and I have many memories of him. One of my earliest is when I was on the CDP (early career) program and Tom was GM for USA GenGas. In those days, I was young and having trouble getting a word in edgewise at meetings. I'll never forget that Tom realized I was getting talked over, and he paused the vociferous discussion when that happened so I could deliver my point and make sure it was integrated into the thought process. He was so gracious: he never made me feel inadequate about it and boosted my confidence by being supportive. I learned to make myself heard, but if Tom had not made room for my contributions at a formative time, I would have had a difficult time instead of a positive one. My heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to his family at this time of loss. Tom will be sorely missed,

Nancy Easterbrook

Nancy Easterbrook - September 10, 2021 at 02:01 PM

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“ Known Tom for most of our careers at Air Products, and even worked for him on two occasions. One of the sharpest business minds I've had the pleasure to work with/for. However, got to know him a bit more after we retired. His passion for life and what he believed in, his family, spicy food (although he had to tone that down), tennis and attending the US Open, and much more. He will be sorely missed and way too soon. Our condolences and prayers go out to the entire family.

Art Anderson - September 10, 2021 at 11:39 AM