



Thomas E Schaadt

September 13, 1953 - March 28, 2025

Thomas Edwin Schaadt, 71, of Westerville died Friday, March 28, 2025, at 3:48pm at his home. He drew his last breaths surrounded by his family. He was in remission from a six-and-a-half-year challenge with prostate cancer, and then a short battle with Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS), a type of leukemia was detected in November.

Tom was born on September 13, 1953, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Nathan Schaadt and Patricia Schaeper Schaadt (Carl) Hoghe, who all preceded him in death. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Bowling Green State University in 1975 and was a part of the first class to earn a full 4-year degree in Computer Science. On October 11, 1975, he and Sandra K. Broecker were united in marriage in Van Wert, Ohio. This fall they would have celebrated their 50th anniversary. It was said this union also formed the largest record collection in Van Wert. He is survived by his wife Sandy, son Jason (Sarah) Schaadt of Reynoldsburg, and daughters Jamie Schaadt (Patrick Steele) of Westerville and Katie (Jordan) Dunkel of Columbus. He had 7 grandchildren which gave him great joy. Their ages range from 13 years down to 6 months. Victoria, Veronica, and Nathan Steele; Dylan and Norah Schaadt; and Isabel and Zoey Dunkel. Other family members include an aunt, Harriet Schaadt of Van Wert, and three siblings, Teresa Venis of Bowling Green, Eric Schaadt of Findley, Caroline (Stuart) Sheets of Ft. Wayne, IN, two nieces and three nephews.

Tom was employed by the Federal Reserve Bank since 1975, retiring in 2022 as an Assistant Vice President. In his time at the Federal Reserve he had many achievements, most notably the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (Check 21) which enabled banks to sort and deliver checks electronically nationwide.

In his spare time, Tom gave back to his local community through his volunteer work as the Vice President of the Westerville Amateur Soccer Association (WASA). Tom had dedicated over 30 years to growing the Westerville soccer community. He was on the staff and the board; volunteered as a coach; worked as a referee; lined fields; and mentored young players and referees in addition to playing soccer himself on co-ed and men's teams throughout Central Ohio. Since 1996 you could find Tom with Sandy at all the Columbus Crew home games, cheering on the Black and Gold.

Tom found a love for running late in life, completing his first 5k in 2012. One of his greatest pleasures was running races with his kids, and later his grandkids. He ran a total of six full marathons and countless half marathons, 10k's, and 5k's, from California to New York to Florida to Paris, France. His favorite races were the Disney races where he was never shy to dress in a tutu adorned with mugs of beer to the endearment of his children and grandchildren. His last run was a half marathon on November 3rd of 2024 at Disney World with son Jason by his side.

He and Sandy enjoyed traveling the world, taking in the sites of amazing places including France, Ireland, England, Spain, Mexico, Germany (for the 2006 World Cup), Alaska, Savannah, and New Orleans, to name a few. In March you could find him courtside with his pals, including those from the "Fed", as they took in the March Madness games together. He and Sandy also traveled to many OSU Bowl games. His heart was always with the Buckeyes,

win or lose.

A Life's Celebration will be held in Westerville on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Everal Barn, 60 N. Cleveland Ave., Westerville, Ohio. The family will be receiving guests from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the WASA scholarship fund by browsing to https://www.wasasoccer.org/scholarship_donation.html

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

APR **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Everal Barn
60 North Cleveland Avenue
Westerville, OH 43082

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Sandy and family, I was so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Tom over 25 years. Even though we lived in different states, it seemed like he was always just down the hall. Tom was always a trusted sounding board for me, both professionally and personally. I know Tom had many passions, soccer, running, OSU, Disney, but most of all family and especially the grandchildren. Thank you for sharing him with us all these years. Randy

Randy Mueller - April 21, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E Schaadt.



April 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas E Schaadt.

April 21, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas E Schaadt.



April 17, 2025 at 11:28 AM

GH

“ Sandy, I am so sorry to learn of Tom's death. Hugs and comfort to you and your family.

Ginny Haller - April 10, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ Working with Tom was always a pleasure. He was such a dedicated and smart guy at work and one of the most genuinely all around great guy I've ever met. I am proud to have known him.

Jon Jeswald - April 09, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PR

“ Tom was instrumental in my career and exemplified everything that I valued in an employer. Even on the most challenging days, I never once heard Tom speak negatively about his work or his coworkers. He was an effective ambassador of the Federal Reserve, and always lead by example. When I think back on Tom as a leader, the thing that I remember most is that he always seemed to know what to say and when to say it. Memories of Tom as a friend were that, regardless of what else was going on, he always found time for you. He will be missed by all who were fortunate to have known him.

God bless

Phil Ridgway

Phil Ridgway - April 08, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ Teens cruising around in the renault, Tom and Sandy, Phil Mercer, Mark Height, and me, either solving the problems of the world, or laughing, making fun of some VWHS teacher---these memories of ordinary times are some of the best of my life.

Jeffrey Scofield - April 06, 2025 at 01:53 PM

Jl

“ I'm so sorry for your monumental loss. Tom was such a well loved and respected person. I always looked forward to spending time with him, Sandy and their great family. I will miss him tremendously.

John Pribble III - April 06, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas E Schaadt.



April 05, 2025 at 12:26 PM

RP

“ Richard P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E Schaadt.

Richard P. - April 05, 2025 at 11:58 AM

RP

“ Richard P. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Thomas E Schaadt.



Richard P. - April 05, 2025 at 11:58 AM

HS

“ I’m beyond grateful to have known Tom. His legacy will live on through the many, many people he influenced, coached, and mentored; including myself. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. And I know that there soooo many awesome memories to bring comfort.

Heather Shea - April 05, 2025 at 11:07 AM

FP

“ Best Wishes to my friend Sandy and Family ,a good human who always made time for a catchup when we were in his Company and always would enjoy those cold beers at the airport when both travelling . Played on his soccer team and win or lose fun was the winner . RIP friend

Frederick Pretorius - April 04, 2025 at 03:02 PM

DC

“ Tom was a rockstar working for the FRS. He had a way of getting things done and overcoming any challenges we faced through some truly transformational times. Tom kept his work in perspective and cared deeply for his team and importantly his family, whom he spoke of often. It was a privilege to have worked alongside Tom for 20+ years. And his legacy certainly lives on!

Denise Connor - April 04, 2025 at 10:01 AM

LH

“ I am in total shock. Tom was such a great soccer player and enthusiast. We loved living down the street from you guys. You were always renovating something. My deepest sympathy.

Laurie A Hartig - April 03, 2025 at 04:38 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sarah Beagle - April 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM

SC

“ From his first visits to Helena into my first and thru my last system project,... from the kid's soccer field,... to first in-last out,... to "first of the day", ... to "one more hand", to his regularly assisting me out of our work transportation with a smiling ... serious...
"Don't fall on me" - my life at the FED was indeed richer, kinder, and filled with more light and humor because of Tom. Many thoughts, and well wishes to his family and friends in this time of sadness and loss. And my heartfelt thanks to Tom, may he rest in peace.

Suzanne Caraber - April 02, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CW

“ Tom was a tremendous resource for our small check processing center in Columbus. He possessed a rare combination of strong technical skills along with exceptional people skills and was constantly innovating to help us improve the quality of our products for our customers. This enabled us to become one of the most efficient and highest quality centers in the country. Countless times Tom would show up in the middle of the night when we encountered problems that we were not able to recover from without his assistance.

One prominent memory that stands out to me is Tom was involved in a meeting with one of our major customers looking to solve a challenge they had with one of their major customers. After patiently listening to a rather prolonged discussion Tom offered a simple suggestion providing an excellent solution that our customer agreed would meet the needs of their customer. Tom's insight into solving this challenge eventually became a new product line that was soon adopted by check processing centers throughout the Federal Reserve's check processing network.

Above all else, Tom was devoted to his wife, Sandy, and their family. We are deeply saddened by Tom's passing and the tremendous loss for his family while at the same time we are grateful that Tom's suffering is over.

Charlie Williams - April 02, 2025 at 03:25 PM

RH

“ I was lucky enough to have worked with Tom for many years supporting check processing in the district. He was one of the best thinkers, programmers, and managers I have had the privilege to know.

We spent many hours working hard and then many hours outside of work talking about family, life, and the importance of people over technology. I became a better programmer, manager and person for having known and worked with Tom.

Rick Haltermon - April 01, 2025 at 05:20 PM

TG

“ I want to be sad, but how can I be? I was able to call Tom my friend and best friend for 58 years. I cannot recall him ever saying a mean thing about anyone. Critical, maybe. But never mean, even me when I sometimes deserved it. Tom's smile was infectious. Rest in Peace, my friend! My heartfelt condolences to Sandy and the "kids".

Tim Grubaugh - March 29, 2025 at 08:56 PM

BH

I am absolutely a better person for having known Tom, the world lost a great man.

Bill Hanly - April 02, 2025 at 01:54 PM

JO

Dear Sandy & Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Tom clearly loved his family and spent so many wonderful hours together both at home and on your Disney trips. My sincere sympathies. Jan Orlansky, Burlington VT

Jan Orlansky - April 05, 2025 at 07:55 AM