



Dr. Thomas William Townsend

June 30, 1942 - January 13, 2021

Dr. Thomas Wm. Townsend, born June 30, 1942 to parents William and Joanna Townsend (deceased) of Chillicothe, Missouri. Tom died Jan. 13, 2021. Dr Townsend was a tenured Associate Professor in Animal Behavior (Ethology) and taught 30 years at OSU. He had a joint appointment in the OSU Vet College Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. As a teen, he was an Eagle Scout. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Karen Mikkalo Townsend; sons, William (Gina), Michael (friend Sharon) and his two beloved granddaughters, Jenna and Michaela Townsend; brother, Jerry (Jeneice) plus their children Nicole and Gary; brother-in-law, Mark Mikkalo (Doris); nephew, Vernon Emami who has kept close touch for years. Tom always gave much time and concern for his many students at OSU. He was leader of the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society for many years. His quick sense of humor endeared him. Adventures canoeing Boundary Waters, backpacking in many Western states, camping and packing during a whole summer in Alaska, bicycling, jogging, gardening, reading and raising great dogs were among his many interests. WE WILL MISS YOU TOM! (Private family services much later).

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“ *Dr. Thomas William Townsend*

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