



Tom Figlio

**Thoughtful, Actor, Community Volunteer,
Husband, Hiker, Dog Lover**

September 18, 1949 - December 28, 2021

Dear Friend,

Recently we lost member Tom Figlio. I did not know Tom myself, but others in our CU family knew him and know his wife Susan, so we wanted you to be aware of his passing. I asked member Ronnie Cimprich if she would kindly share her memories of Tom with us.

Ronnie Cimprich offered these kind words;

Tom Figlio's unexpected, sudden death stunned his wife Susan and his family and friends. Tom was a quiet gentle man, but one who acted on his convictions in a collegial manner.

Members of CU Maurice River may have seen him and wife Susan on hikes, flipping horse shoe crabs, or more recently at the "Raise the River" paddle on Union Lake last summer. He supported environmental issues and was on the Pittsgrove Township's Environmental Commission for many years. Tom also had a forestry management plan for his woodlands. Most seasons of the year he was cutting wood with which he heated his house.

In warmer weather, when not running, Susan and he were hiking, biking, or paddling; winter was a time for skating on his pond or for x-country skiing with wife, dogs, and friends. Spring was the time to harvest logs for implantation of shitake mushroom spores. Tom was a pushover with his dogs. On occasion, one might find him on his lounge with a lap full of Puli and their cords, with just his head showing. The dogs too are in mourning.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, staff and membership I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences to Susan, Tom's family, and yes, his dogs too. We have included his obituary so you might get further insight into Tom's life.

Sincerely,



Jane Morton Galetto
CU Maurice River Board President

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Tom Figlio, born in Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, on September 18, 1949, died suddenly at home in Pittsgrove Township, NJ, on December 28, 2021.

Tom earned a bachelor of arts degree in Speech and Theatre at Glassboro State College

(now Rowan University). After a lifelong career as an administrator for the Gloucester County Board of Social Services, Tom spent the last 15 years actively involved in volunteer activities with the Pittsgrove Township Environmental Commission, the Pittsgrove Township Planning Board, the MS City to Shore Planning Team, and Paws for People Pet Therapy. Tom was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and worked as an extra in movies and television including *The Last Airbender*, *Silver Linings Playbook*, and *Mare of Easttown*. He also worked as a standardized patient (a simulated patient) at Rowan Medical School.

He was an avid runner, completing 12 marathons including Boston, Washington DC, Philadelphia, and New York, and countless other races. He rode in the Bike MS City to Shore Ride annually for the past 20 years. Over his lifetime, he hiked much of the Appalachian Trail and traveled widely throughout the United States and internationally.

Tom's creative nature was expressed in the cartoons and stained glass he created throughout his life that are treasured by his family and friends. He loved music and played the trumpet, French horn, and guitar.

Tom was known among his friends and family for his caring thoughtfulness, sensitivity, great sense of humor, and the smoked brisket he prepared annually for Memorial Day. A devoted husband and friend, he was nurturing, loving, and considerate. Tom will be missed by all those who knew him. He is survived by his wife Susan Whitehouse, brothers Karl Figlio and Tony Figlio, sisters-in-law Linda Busby and Linda Whitehouse, brothers-in-law Mark Busby and David Whitehouse, beloved pets Luna and Saoirse, as well as numerous nieces and nephews including Sarah Figlio Hopes, Nathan Figlio, Joshua Busby, Marissa Whitehouse, David Figlio, Rick Figlio, Kim Stroup, Cindy Robinson, Greg Figlio, Alix Green, and Zara Truscott. Tom was preceded in death by his brother Robert Figlio, sister-in-law Jean Figlio, and niece Meagan Figlio.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's memory to The Appalachian Trail Conservancy or The Multiple Sclerosis Society – Delaware Valley Chapter in Philadelphia. There will be a Celebration of Life held for Tom at a future date.

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