



## Mr. Tom Levin

February 21, 2021

Tom Levin, born in Rockford, Illinois and raised in Carrollwood, passed away on February 21, 2021, just a few days beyond his 65th birthday. Tom is survived by his wife, Pat Levin and sons Brett and Max. His parents Edwin F. and Gertrude L. Levin, predeceased him.

Tom leaves a legacy of landscaped beauty as the owner of Ekistics Design Studio. Over his 40 years of experience as a landscape architect, he received numerous awards of recognition for landscape planning and design, including the AIA Citation for Environmentally Conscious Architecture; the Florida Xeriscape Council, the American Planning Association and the American Society of Landscape Architects; and twice recognized by the Secretary of State by the Florida Design Arts Award. Tom was highly respected, developing several of Florida's first mitigation plans and habitat management as well as pioneering stormwater ecology principles to site development beginning with Magdalene Reserve and the Florida Aquarium in 1992.

His family takes comfort in the beauty Tom helped create throughout his hometown including the Florida Aquarium, Tampa BayWatch Marine Research Station, Upper Tampa Bay Trail, Old Fort King Trail, Barksdale Community Center, Hillsborough County Upper Tampa Bay Library, HCC Southshore Campus, New Tampa Nature Park and various projects with Tampa International Airport.

A University of Florida Gator, Tom graduated with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and earned his Certificate in Environmental Studies in 1979 and attended Jesuit High School and Chamberlain, class of 1974.

Tom enjoyed music of all kinds and was a serious collector of records, at one time amassing 90,000 of them! He also enjoyed outdoor life including water and snow skiing, boating, hiking and nature in general. Tom was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, hoping to inspire future generations to enjoy and care for the natural world.

Tom lived a full life as a father, husband, landscape professional and steward of the great outdoors. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A small service will be held at Lake Carroll Cemetery & Columbarium on Armenia Ave. Sunday, March 21st, 2:00pm. Social distancing and masks are required. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his name to Tampa Baywatch, Hope Children's Home, or Humane Society of Tampa Bay.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Lake Carroll Cemetery & Columbarium  
2401 Myers Ln  
Tampa, FL 33612

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ *To: Pat, Brett & Max  
Bob & Deb  
Mike & Donna*

*Our sincere condolences to you. We just learned today that Tom passed. We didn't know or we would have attended his memorial yesterday. Our hearts go out to all of you. Everyone that met Tom adored him and will miss him dearly. He had an outstanding personality and was always willing to share his interesting knowledge with others. We will keep him close with our memories of great times together.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
From: Rob and Jan Vanouwerkerk*

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janice Vanouwerkerk - March 22, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Mr. Tom Levin.*



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March 06, 2021 at 10:23 AM

YP

“ Tom was a very kind, loving man with incredible creative talent and his own kind of vision. He was truly one of a kind and left this world way too young. Thanks to his family and friends, it's good to know his was a life well lived. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Pat, their sons Brett & Max, sister Katie and her family. We know Tom will be missed as much as he was loved.

*Knowing how much he loved nature and doing all he could to make the planet a better place, it is our pleasure to honor Tom's life with a grove of trees planted in his name.*

*Yvonne & Scott Painton & family*



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**Yvonne & Scott Painton** - March 04, 2021 at 11:01 AM

 David  
Bartlett

*Reading of Tom's passing has proved exceptionally sad for me, even though we knew each other for only a short time—and that was some 40 years ago. Perhaps it is because at that time, all those years ago, we—Tom, then-wife Yvonne, and the entire gang of us—were all so young, vital and full of promise (And fun. I shall always remember fondly Yvonne and Tom's parties.). But now, another reminder of life's fragility casts a shadow upon my own door. With Tom Levin's death, I feel a part of me has also died. A candle lighting a distant place within me, has blown out. Belated condolences to Tom's family.*

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**David Bartlett** - November 23, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ Tom and I became friends as soon as he showed up in Tampa in the fourth grade. We grew up tromping through the woods, getting in trouble together, and making plans to change the world. His candle burned bright, and it always showed me a different way of looking at things and places. I even went along on a number of his infamous “short cuts” that took longer, but usually went past something interesting. He became an expert on his adopted city, and made it a better place. Jan and I send our condolences to Pat, Brett, and Max.

*See you down the trail, my friend.*

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**Alan Roddy** - March 02, 2021 at 04:12 PM

JW

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of Tom’s passing. He was a fun loving guy. He threw the best Halloween parties. We always had the best of times camping with the Cub Scouts...  
my sincere condolences to Pat and the boys.  
Judy Wolfe

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**judy wolfe** - March 01, 2021 at 08:23 AM

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“ Pat, Brett and Max,

*Liz and I send our condolences for your loss; while we have not seen you all in a while, our memories of Tom as a vital, passionate, energetic and sincere force of nature do not square with the reality that he is gone so soon. Pat, I truly appreciate you reaching out to me and allowing me the opportunity to talk to him. What I said, albeit in an early morning fog from the west coast is nonetheless true; as my first leader and mentor in the professional world what he - and you - taught me has guided my steps and decisions over the years and across the globe. Tom's constant quest for learning and commitment to pursue the right thing no matter what is still my "high bar," I am constantly struggling to reach it, but Tom was a master at making it look easy. The legacy of his professional and personal accomplishments will live on across the Tampa Bay area, but also in the work of those of us who had the benefit of learning from him.*

*Rest in peace, Tom*

*Todd, Liz, Schuyler, Camille and Kerry*

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**todd rimmer** - February 28, 2021 at 08:16 PM

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“ So saddened to learn of Tom’s passing. I had the pleasure of knowing Tom from his work to create a greenway system in Hillsborough County. His creativity, humor and zest for life were inspiring and made our lives better. I very much appreciated the qualities he brought to the projects he undertook and the creative solutions he came up with.

*We will miss you, Tom. Godspeed.*

*My sincere condolences to his family,  
Charner Reese*

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**Charner Reese** - February 28, 2021 at 03:24 PM

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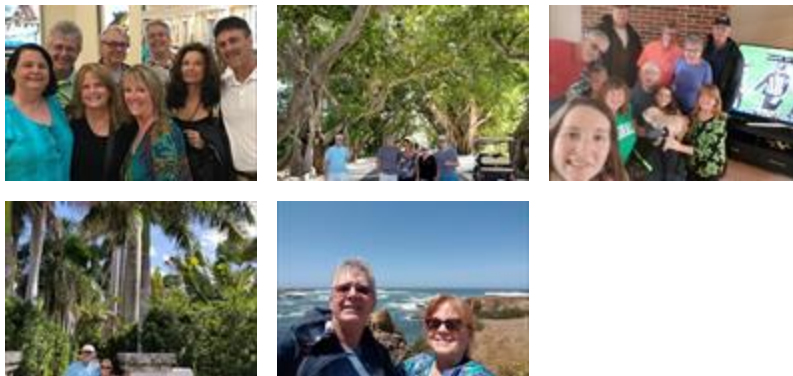
“ I am so sorry to learn of Tom’s passing. As the previous Zoning Administrator for Hillsborough County, I frequently worked with Tom. Always the gentleman, he worked hard to create a beautiful environment for the various developments he worked on. It was a pleasure knowing him. My sympathy to all the family. Paula Harvey

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**Paula Harvey** - February 28, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ 53 files added to the album Memories Album

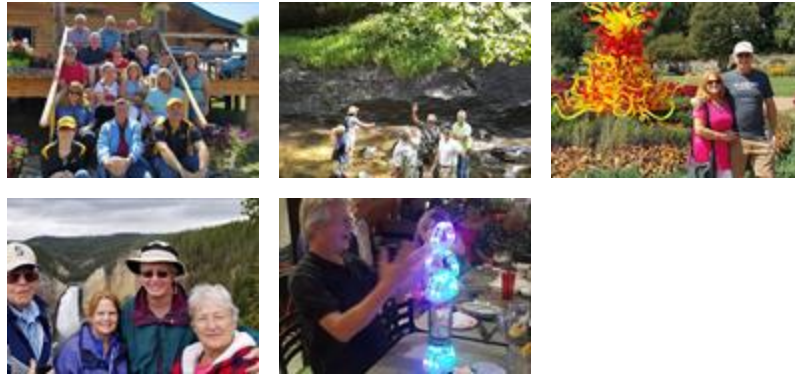


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**Pat Stalaker-Levin** - February 28, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Tom's past few years of adventures!



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**Pat Stalaker-Levin** - February 28, 2021 at 12:29 PM

AJ

“ I am very sad to hear of Tom's passing. I worked with Tom for many years on a number of different projects in the Tampa Bay Area. Tom's vision for planning was exceptional. In addition, I considered him a good friend. Godspeed my friend.

*My sincere condolences to Pat and their sons Brett and Max.*

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**Art Woodworth, Jr.** - February 27, 2021 at 08:41 AM

LB

*Marty and I were so saddened to learn of Tom's passing. He always had a smile for everyone and an avid interest in everything. He was such a devoted and diligent worker on behalf of the schools and church and will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathies to Pat and the boys.  
Louise and Marty Bearss*

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**Louise Bearss** - February 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM

MH

*I could not be more heartbroken than to see this incredibly talented and creative man leave us far too soon. It was an honor and privilege to be with Tom and his family in his last hours before passing. Tom and I tracked similar career paths starting in 1984 with myself leaving government and Tom leaving a large firm, both in Bradenton, to start our own consulting practices back in Tampa. If not for free buffets and dollar drafts at Chucks Steak House and other giveaway jaunts, I'm not sure we could have survived. We were both being bachelors who considered hamburger helper fine cuisine. We worked together on endless projects over the past 37+ years and I would always appreciate his creative, insightful and solution oriented suggestions. And we can never forget his wit and hilarious animated responses to never ending government comments, or those memorable Levin Halloween parties where he was always the main character. I was fortunate to recover from a major heart attack two years ago including two cardiac ablations. I will never forget our first call after he discovered his devastating diagnosis in the fall. He commented 'geez Mike, and here I thought you would die first.' So typical Tom. He was a golden friend and colleague that come around only once in a great while. I will miss him so much. Sincerest sympathies and condolences to Pat, Brett, Max and family. May his spirit soar forever..*

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**Michael Horner** - February 28, 2021 at 01:00 PM