



## Thomas S. Gleeson

May 28, 1952 - March 30, 2012

Visitation for Thomas S. "Tom" Gleeson, 59, of Centreville, Va., formerly of Kankakee, will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee. The Rev. Martin "Marty" Gleeson will officiate.

Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. He died Friday (March 30, 2012) at his home.

Mr. Gleeson was a program director at Arlington County in Virginia, and a teaching tennis pro. He was born May 28, 1952, in Chicago, the son of Martin and Therese Foody Gleeson. He enjoyed his family and watching basketball. He also liked watching his son's sporting events, including basketball and track. Tom exuded a positive mental attitude and had unwavering determination. He continued to exercise even through his illness and ran the last few miles of a marathon with his son, Scott.

Surviving are his wife, the former Lynne Regnier, of Centreville, whom he married July 25, 1975, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee; one son, Scott Gleeson, of Centreville; his mother, Therese Gleeson, of Kankakee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and David Causer, of Kankakee, and

Therese and Craig Cardosi, of St. Anne; two brothers and one sister-in-law, the Rev. Martin Gleeson OP, of New Orleans, La., and James P. and Linda Gleeson, of Lake Villa; brother-in-law, Stephen and Deborah Regnier, of Rolling Meadows; two sisters-in-law, Lola and Matthew Gomez, of Bourbonnais, and Karen and Mike Kern, of Waukee, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; stepfather, John Byrne; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Russ and Rose Regnier; and one nephew, Andrew Sherer.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

APR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
428 S. Indiana  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-6716

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dave And Sue Boudreau lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Dave and Sue Boudreau** - April 10, 2012 at 05:00 PM

KB

“ *Kevin & Christine Breese lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Kevin & Christine Breese** - April 06, 2012 at 09:38 PM

NC

“ *lynne and scott,  
blessings to you both as you travel on this journey. having his  
memories near and dear to your hearts will hopefully maintain your  
courage to continue on with your lives. love and peace to you both  
and your families.  
nansi & mike norum*

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**nansi chandler-norum** - April 06, 2012 at 05:25 PM

NC

“ *Nansi Chandler-norum lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**nansi chandler-norum** - April 06, 2012 at 05:21 PM

LG

*Thank you soooooo much Nansi! It was so thoughtful of you to send your condolences to both Scott and I during this horribly difficult time.*

*Lynne*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - May 27, 2012 at 02:10 PM

SH

“ *Tom was gift to many patients at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital. We worked with Tom via the RAFT Program. He was always kind and patient focused. A pleasure to work with over the years. He will be missed.*



*On behalf of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital we send our prayers and condolences.*

*Steve Herrick*

*Director of Piedmont Geriatric Hospital*

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**Steve Herrick** - April 06, 2012 at 04:12 PM

BM

“ Tom made such an impact to my professional and personal life. My memories of him for his awesome passion in his work being so ethical, collaborative and compassionate. He inspired me to motivate, lead by example and be steadfast with solutions. He was a wonderful person and my respect and appreciation for Tom will always stay in my thoughts and prayers.

Beverly Morgan - April 06, 2012 at 10:10 AM

LG

Bev, thank you so much for your posting above. I greatly appreciate your kind words for Tom, especially during this difficult time.

Lynne Gleeson - May 27, 2012 at 02:11 PM

MC

“ I was blessed and privileged to have spent the last two weeks of my brother, Tom's, life with him, learning from him and being amazed by him. His strong faith, and his love for his wife, Lynne, his son, Scott, & our Mother, and his entire family was evident. His ability to focus on gratitude during these last days was phenomenal. His prayer for endurance 5 days before his death amazed me. His sense of humor sustained us. I thank my sister-in-law and friend, Lynne, for her tender loving care of my brother always, but especially in his last days. I thank my nephew, Scotty, for just being Scotty. Tom was so proud of you. I will miss my brother terribly. I am a better person because of him... Mary

Mary Causer - April 05, 2012 at 11:52 PM

LG

Thank you, Mary. Tom made us all feel like better people and that was one of his marvelous gifts!

Lynne Gleeson - April 15, 2012 at 04:16 PM

BB

“ *Bonnie Born lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**bonnie born** - April 05, 2012 at 12:41 PM

BB

*Dear Lynne, Scott and family  
My deepest condolences and prayers go out to you all. I worked with  
Tom in the PHP at Thresholds and I can tell you all what a  
consummate professional that he was. He cared deeply for our  
members and worked tirelessly for them. I learned so much from Tom  
and I think our doctors did too! I really respected his leadership and  
expertise. He had a great sense of humor and we always shared a  
laugh. He was great to work for. We will all miss him greatly. Sincerely,  
Bonnie Born RN*

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**bonnie born** - April 05, 2012 at 12:51 PM



“ *Chris Chandler lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**chris chandler** - April 05, 2012 at 11:40 AM



*Dear Lynne and Scotty  
My thoughts and condolences are with you both. I know this must be a  
hard journey for you. I hope that Tom's strength to endure this long  
battle helps you through this difficult time.*

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**chris chandler** - April 05, 2012 at 11:49 AM

LG

Chris,

*Thank you so much for your kind words during this extremely difficult time for Scott and I. I miss Tom so much and the void he has left in my heart will be there for a long time to come, I know!*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - May 27, 2012 at 02:13 PM

BH

“ *Brinda H.Fowlkes lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Brinda H.Fowlkes** - April 05, 2012 at 11:34 AM

CH

“ *Dear Gleeson family,*

*My prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. The funeral mass and sermon by Fr. Marty and heartfelt eulogy so eloquently delivered by his son Scotty was such a beautiful tribute to Tom and was so comforting. I wanted to share a memory of Tom that very much stands out in my mind. I remember being at Tom's high school graduation. He was presented with so many awards and trophies at the ceremony that it took all of those around him to help him carry them out of the gymnasium. It is a testament to what type of person he was to think that all of his siblings from out of town were at his bedside for his last two weeks helping him prepare for his journey home, because he had so many accolades of a life well lived to take with him!*

*Cindy Cotsones Hebert*

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**Cindy Cotsones Hebert** - April 05, 2012 at 10:34 AM

MC

*Thank you, Cindy for your memory of Tom. I remember that day fondly.  
Mary*

**Mary Causer** - April 05, 2012 at 11:22 PM

LG

*Thank you, Cindy, for sharing this memory. Remember, "Do you want a ride" celebrated with a cake? Funny looking back at those times, isn't it?*

**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:17 PM

TA

*“ Mary & Family,  
Our deepest sympathy for your loss.  
Tom & Judy Andersen*

**Tom & Judy Andersen** - April 04, 2012 at 07:01 PM

TA

*“ Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory  
of Thomas S. Gleeson*



**Tom & Judy Andersen** - April 04, 2012 at 06:57 PM

JP

“ Lynne,

*My deepest sympathies for your loss. I am so sorry that I could not make the wake. Please know that you and Scott will be in my prayers in the days to come.*

*Miss you,*

*Judy Ponton*



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**Judy A Ponton** - April 04, 2012 at 02:16 PM

LG

*Thanks, Judy. Comforting to know you will keep Scott and I in your prayers for the days to come.....I think these are the most difficult!*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:18 PM

MB

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Gleeson Family and especially Mary.*

*Michael P Boudreau*

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**Michael P Boudreau** - April 04, 2012 at 12:43 PM

MC

*Mike, Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. This is a great loss; but as his son so eloquently stated in his eulogy, we must be grateful for the time that we had Tom in our lives. Mary*

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**Mary Causer** - April 05, 2012 at 11:25 PM

LG

*Thank you, Mike. I appreciate you taking the time to post on Tom's wall.*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:18 PM

JR

“ *My condolences to Tom's family. I only knew Tom professionally but thought him a kind and decent man who truly loved his work. My thoughts are with his family.*

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**Joel B. Rothenberg** - April 04, 2012 at 11:20 AM

GJ

“ *I was shocked and saddened to hear the news of Tom's passing last week. I had the good fortune to work with him during his time in Northern Virginia as he led the "RAFT" effort. Tom was always a gentleman, considerate, compassionate and collaborative. So many times in our profession we do not see those qualities in our colleagues. In this way he set an example and inspired us to listen to our "better angels". I offer my condolences, prayers and thoughts to you, his family, as you grieve your loss. he will be sorely missed among all of us who worked with him in Virginia.. and cannot be replaced..... Rick Jackson... Executive Director for the Center for Excellence in Aging.*

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**G. Richard Jackson** - April 04, 2012 at 10:50 AM

LG

*Thank you so much for leaving this post. I agree wholeheartedly that Tom was a one-of-a-kind human being. I miss him more than I ever thought possible and understanding the sadness felt by all of his colleagues.*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:20 PM

EE

“ *To the Gleeson Family:  
The picture of Tom here with the obituary really personifies him as I knew him in his work with and for the RAFT Program. He was extremely dedicated to RAFT and worked tirelessly on behalf of it. He will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.*  
*Elaine Eckert, LCSW  
Former RAFT Committee Member*

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**Elaine Eckert** - April 03, 2012 at 10:34 PM

JJ

“ *To the Gleeson Family*  
  
*Thank you for sharing this wonderful man as he touched us all. We will miss his smile and his commitment to Older Adults.*  
  
*Jayne James, RN, MSN  
Former RAFT Committee Member*

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**Jayne James** - April 03, 2012 at 09:56 PM

AH

“ *Anne Hermann lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Anne Hermann** - April 03, 2012 at 04:03 PM



*My very profound condolences on Tom's passing. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to know him these past few years. He was a wonderful person and an excellent Executive Director of the RAFT program. With his guidance and leadership the program has set set the gold standard for this type of focused, hands-on community-based care. I very much wish I could be with you in person to show my respect and appreciation for Tom, but I am certainly with you and him in my thoughts and prayers. With my fond regards, Anne Hermann (Member, RAFT Oversight Committee)*

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**Anne Hermann** - April 03, 2012 at 04:28 PM

SM

“ *Sally Moritz lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Sally Moritz** - April 03, 2012 at 01:09 PM

LG

*Thank you, Sally, so very much for lighting a candle in memory of Tom. Scott is blessed to have such a good friend in Tera and her caring family as well.*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - May 27, 2012 at 02:15 PM

NU

“ *Ndidi Uzowihe lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Ndidi Uzowihe** - April 03, 2012 at 11:38 AM



“ Uncle Tom,

*I really didn't know you all that well. In the all to brief visits we've had as a family, you've always been kind to me, and it was always easy for me to talk to you. I didn't see your family as often as I should have, but it's plain to see you were loved. You are loved. Your wife loved you. Your son loved you. We loved you.*

*Now you move on to different plain of being, but not from our minds. This isn't goodbye, but you will be sorely missed.*



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**Zachary Kern** - April 03, 2012 at 10:42 AM

IG

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you both. This is a difficult time, but know that Tom is happy, that he is home, and very much still with you. There really are no words that express what we both feel in our hearts for you, Scott and Tom. Know you are all loved.

*Matthew and Iola*

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**iola and Matthew Gomez** - April 03, 2012 at 09:52 AM

LG

*Thank you Skister. Your constant thoughts, prayers and communication mean the world to me, even if I don't respond right away. I am still frozen and numb thinking that I will never see Tom, hear his wonderful sense of humor, walk with him around Lakeside, go out to eat with him and all the other wonderful things we shared over 37 years of marriage. Your love is so very appreciated!*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:29 PM

JR

“ To Lynne and Scotty:

*I am soooo sorry for your loss. When I last spoke to Tom at Rose Regnier's funeral he was his typical self - talking about Scotty and his accomplishments. past and yet to come and we laughed about that he was so lucky to marry Lynne because John Denver was spoken for in 1975 - HA!*

*Now that you are in heaven you will find that the ONLY shot I got by you at the Essex Lake tennis game about 30 years ago was IN.*

*Jim and Jan Regnier*

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**Jim Regnier** - April 03, 2012 at 09:05 AM

LG

*Jim, I am so very grateful that you drove all the way from St. Louis to attend Tom's wake, funeral mass and luncheon. That will touch my heart for years to come!*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:24 PM

KK

“ You brought such joy to my sister's life and inspired your son to be the best he can be, Your fighting spirit serves as an inspiration to us all. Enjoy your tennis and basketball up in Heaven ! Feel free to send down pointers now and then while I play my matches - would appreciate the guidance. Rest in peace!

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**Karen Kern** - April 03, 2012 at 09:02 AM

LG

*Thanks, Skister. Tom was the love of my life and I continue to miss him so much every day. Your thoughts and prayers mean the world to me. Keep them coming!*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:27 PM

MP

“ *It was truly a pleasure working with Tom. Although we may have butted heads from time to time, it was always clear to me that Tom cared most deeply about the clients we serve. Every time Tom came into a room, the air became a little lighter, and the warmth became a little brighter. Tom will be missed.*



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**Michael Peter** - April 03, 2012 at 08:39 AM

SD

“ *Keeping your family in our thoughts.*

*Susan Deany*

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**Susan Deany** - April 03, 2012 at 07:43 AM

LG

*Thank you so much, Susan. I know you are no stranger to the pain a loss so great can bring and I deeply appreciate you thinking of us at this most difficult time.*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - April 26, 2012 at 12:26 PM

LJ

“ *Lena Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Lena Jefferson** - April 03, 2012 at 07:00 AM

JM

“ *Jim And Janine Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Jim and Janine Marcotte** - April 02, 2012 at 04:07 PM

JM

*Our deepest sympathy, to all of Tom's family. He left this world too early. He will be missed by many. Love to all.*

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**Jim and Janine Marcotte** - April 02, 2012 at 04:10 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Rhonda Rivera (Williams)** - April 02, 2012 at 03:58 PM

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*Tom, with (from his side) Sharon Lopez, Rhonda Rivera Williams, Becky Etter, Jayne James, Evelyn Hatfield, 2008 Members of the RAFT Oversight Committee.*

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**Rhonda Rivera (Williams)** - April 02, 2012 at 04:03 PM

SL

*Great photo, thanks for sharing*

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**Sharon Lopez** - April 02, 2012 at 06:26 PM

RW

*The RAFT Oversight Committee Members will miss Tom's positive way of living as well as his wonderful contribution to the programs success.*

**Rhonda Rivera Williams** - April 03, 2012 at 04:28 PM

LG

*Rhonda, thank you so much for posting this picture. I enjoyed putting faces to people Tom spoke so highly of at Raft.*

**Lynne Gleeson** - April 15, 2012 at 04:20 PM

NA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Gleeson family at this time of loss.*  
*Nick and Shirley Africano*

**Nick Shirley Africano** - April 02, 2012 at 03:13 PM

LG

*Nick, thank you so very much for posting your kind words on Tom's memorial wall. It means so much to Scott and I, especially during this terribly difficult time.*

*Lynne*

**Lynne Gleeson** - May 27, 2012 at 02:19 PM

EN

“ *Erin Neill lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



**Erin Neill** - April 02, 2012 at 03:12 PM

EB

“ *EMILIA BARLATT lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**EMILIA BARLATT** - April 02, 2012 at 02:39 PM

JP

“ *Julie Parkhurst lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Julie Parkhurst** - April 02, 2012 at 01:47 PM

SL

“ *Sharon Lopez lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Sharon Lopez** - April 02, 2012 at 12:43 PM

SL

*To the Gleeson family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Tom shared his warm and positive energy every day. I worked with Tom for a short period of time and supported him as he brought the RAFT program alive. He spoke very highly of his family and was a proud man. I enjoyed working with him, being part of a special program (RAFT).*

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**Sharon Lopez** - April 02, 2012 at 01:01 PM

AD

“ ALFRETA DANIEL lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas S. Gleeson



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**ALFRETA DANIEL** - April 02, 2012 at 09:16 AM

PH

*Tom and I worked very closely together in the RAFT program. During the 3.5 years that I knew Tom I came to greatly respect him for his total devotion to his family and work. He was a very hard worker, arriving at the office very early and sometimes not getting home until midnight. Without Tom's dedicated ethic the RAFT program would not be where it is today. Tom enjoyed talking to me about his family and his love of sports, especially tennis. He has had a major influence on my career and I will miss him greatly. I am a better person as a result of my relationship with him.*

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**Phil Hargis** - April 02, 2012 at 12:35 PM

LG

*Phil, thank you so much for your kind words, card and memorial on behalf of Tom. He considered you a good friend and was heartsick battling his decision concerning you. I am confident that he wished it was him having to go through that.*

*You were a very good friend and co-worker and Tom spoke so fondly of you each time a new story would make its way home to me.*

*Please also thank you wonderful wife whose continued thoughtfulness during Tom's illness comforted us both dearly.*

*Lynne Gleeson*

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**Lynne Gleeson** - May 27, 2012 at 02:23 PM

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“ To the family of Tom Gleeson: I wanted to share that Tom was a wonderful man, and the perfect man to serve as the RAFT Program Director. Tom shared with the RAFT Oversight Committee Members, including myself, that the reason he was attracted to the position was the passion that the program was built with, and the opportunity to meet very real needs for older adults with mental illness, as the program was designed to do. Tom was widely liked and respected across Virginia for his intelligence, passion and wit. He had the personality and abilities to take this very challenging new program and make it bloom. Tom met the challenges of the job with grace, humor and skill. I greatly valued his work, efforts and insights as we would collaborate on various job challenges. Most importantly, Tom was also passionate about the program, and his warmth and sincerity spread that to others. I know that the RAFT Oversight Committee Members and myself will greatly miss this wonderful man, who championed the needs of those that others choose to forget. My deepest condolences and prayers to his wife, son and family at this time of very great loss.



*Rhonda L Rivera Williams*

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**Rhonda Rivera (Williams)** - April 02, 2012 at 05:27 AM

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*Thank you to the Gleeson family for sharing Tom with RAFT these last several years.*

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**Rhonda Rivera (Williams)** - April 02, 2012 at 05:35 AM

CS

“ *Family of Tom: So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Carla Golowski Scheppler*



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**Carla Scheppler** - April 01, 2012 at 05:07 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Howard lit a candle in memory of Thomas S. Gleeson*



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**Michelle Howard** - April 01, 2012 at 04:16 PM