



Timothy Craig Russell

July 26, 1948 - November 15, 2024

Timothy C. Russell died on November 15, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Tim is survived by his wife of 23 years, Christy, sons Sam (Andrea) and Nick (Jen), daughter Lydia, grandchildren Peter, Nathan, Sarah, William, Margot, Harry, and Natalie, sister Pam Walford (John), niece Caroline Cowley (Jim), nephew Charles Walford (Lara), nieces Ashley and Amanda Gellert, and his dog Stella, as well as in-laws, cousins, a grandniece and grandnephews.

Born in Bronxville, NY on July 26, 1948 to Joyce Russell (nee Leigh) and Peter Russell, Tim lived most of his childhood in Villanova, PA. Tim graduated from Harriton High School where he played football and lacrosse (captain of both), and then from Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Tim had many interesting summer jobs while in college, but the one he found most rewarding was "pulling trash" on a garbage truck. From this and other life experiences, Tim developed an immense respect for people of different backgrounds and occupations.

After graduating from law school in 1973, Tim clerked for the Honorable Arlin M. Adams on the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He then went on to become an esteemed corporate litigator at Drinker, Biddle and Reath and several subsequent firms. Tim was a life member of the American Law

Institute. After his retirement from the practice of law in 2013, Tim started his own arbitration and mediation practice. Tim loved the law, and to the end of his life, he continued to follow, read, and analyze the key legal decisions of our times. Tim set very high standards for himself and others around him. He was also the consummate teacher, who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to mentor and bring along younger lawyers. And a great debate on any topic, especially law or politics, was always welcomed.

As much as Tim was a serious intellectual, he also enjoyed a good mob movie and could quote most of the Godfather (all three parts) and Good Fellas. Tim was proud of the fact that he had a vocabulary that exceeded that of most of us, but in casual conversation routinely added "and shit" to the end of sentences.

Similarly, Tim loved humor and was a wonderful joke teller. People would sit with rapt attention at family dinners, business conferences, or in other settings to hear Tim deliver a joke, awaiting the punchline, even if it was one they had heard before. In his struggle with cancer, Tim never lost his sense of humor and used it to carry him through the most difficult times - even if the medical professionals were bemused by this behavior.

Tim was a great outdoorsman, an avid fisherman and lover of wildlife. He was a keen sports fan, following first and foremost his Philadelphia Eagles, but Tim could also be seen on a Saturday watching almost any sport that was on TV, including high school football or little league baseball.

Most of all, Tim loved his family. He passed along his sense of humor to his children and grandchildren - even if it wasn't always "age appropriate." Tim's grandchildren adored their "TT" and hung on his every word. His spirit will live on in them.

A luncheon celebration of Tim's life will be held at the Spring Hollow Golf Club, 3350 Schuylkill Road, Spring City, PA 19475 December 18, 2024. The family will be receiving guests beginning at 12:00 noon, and a celebration and sharing of words will begin at 12:45 PM. Family and friends are welcome. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Reception

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Spring Hollow Golf Club
3350 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475

Memorial Service

DEC 18. 12:45 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Spring Hollow Golf Club
3350 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475

Tribute Wall



“ Joseph M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

Joseph M. - December 17, 2024 at 05:32 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.



December 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

December 17, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Howard D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

Howard D. - December 17, 2024 at 04:52 PM

TS

“ Tom Schaufelberger (friend and colleague from D.C.)

After two years practicing law in Virginia, I returned and joined the Washington D.C. Office of Drinker, Biddle & Reath. Tim had recently come down from the Philadelphia office of the firm to head the litigation group in the DC office, so he was my boss and became a mentor. I learned much from Tim, not only from my begrudging acceptance of his red lines to my draft briefs, but also from his outlook as a tremendous lawyer and how he carried himself in that role. I remember one example in particular.

A few years after I was back in Washington, Tim and I were entertaining a couple of clients at an Italian restaurant in Dupont Circle. We had a few bottles of wine with dinner and the meal was nearly over. Tim stood up and backed away from the table to use the restroom, and when he did, the last bottle of wine began a death rock close to the edge of the table. Mild panic set in. The bottle was not going to right itself; it was going fall over the edge of the table; and crash on the floor, drawing the attention of our clients and all of the other patrons while we would sit in embarrassment as it was cleaned up.

Sure enough, the bottle gradually followed the anticipated path and fell off the table onto the ceramic-tiled floor where it loudly shattered. Still not quite sure how to respond, I looked up at Tim. He said in a quiet voice: “Let’s go.” And we did.

We had a laugh about it and later ran into the clients at a bar down the street. All was well.

Tim always seemed to know the best (and sometimes most humorous) course of action in any situation. He will be greatly missed.

Tom S Schaufelberger - December 17, 2024 at 12:48 PM

SC

“ *Schaufelberger purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.*



Schaufelberger - December 17, 2024 at 12:43 PM

SC

“ *Schaufelberger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.*

Schaufelberger - December 17, 2024 at 12:43 PM

AW

“ *Audrey W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.*

Audrey W. - December 17, 2024 at 07:58 AM

DT

“ *David & Olga Thirkill purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.*



David & Olga Thirkill - December 16, 2024 at 01:38 PM

DT

“ David & Olga Thirkill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

David & Olga Thirkill - December 16, 2024 at 01:38 PM

NW

“ Nicholas W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.



Nicholas W. - December 15, 2024 at 09:48 AM

TG

“ The Brandywine Group purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.



The Brandywine Group - December 12, 2024 at 02:18 PM

TG

“ The Brandywine Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

The Brandywine Group - December 12, 2024 at 02:18 PM

YW

“ Your Friends at White and Williams purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.



Your Friends at White and Williams - December 12, 2024 at 12:38 AM

YW

“ Your Friends at White and Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

Your Friends at White and Williams - December 12, 2024 at 12:38 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.



December 10, 2024 at 03:41 PM

TD

“ 1 file added to the album DeVol Boston Wedding 1990



Tom DeVol - December 06, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.*



November 26, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *A grove of 50 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.*

November 25, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *Marc Sevastopoulo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.*



Marc Sevastopoulo - November 23, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *Marc Sevastopoulo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.*

Marc Sevastopoulo - November 23, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *We knew him not long enough. Deepest sympathies to Christy and all the family. Jan Haylett and John Jones*

Jan Haylett - November 22, 2024 at 02:20 PM

NC

“ Dear Christy, We are all thinking of you and your family and send you strength and support at this difficult time. The Sovereign Team

Natalie Chiaramonte - November 21, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy Craig Russell.



November 21, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Timothy Craig Russell.

November 21, 2024 at 10:34 AM

MG

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending love and support from Bermuda.

Margot Green - November 21, 2024 at 07:45 AM

TP

“ Tim and his parents were great neighbors on Sherwood circle , sorry for your loss Christy. Terry plisinski

terry plisinski - November 19, 2024 at 07:07 PM

LD

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends at this difficult time. May the memories of Tim help you find comfort. God Bless.*



Le'Shea Davis

Le'Shea Davis - November 19, 2024 at 02:46 PM

KC

My heart goes out to you all! I remember meeting him, Christy & their daughter at Nick's years ago when caring for Nick's children. He was such a nice man!!

Kelly Corbin - November 19, 2024 at 09:54 PM