

Thomas P. Jahnige

Tom Jahnige died of Hodgkins Disease on July 24, 1973 at the age of 35. He leaves his wife Molly, his nine-year-old daughter Kathy and his six-year-old son Paul. He also leaves many grieving colleagues at Smith, throughout the country, and particularly within the Pioneer Valley where he made his home since 1965.

Tom was born in Meriden, Connecticut on June 28, 1938. He attended the "local" college, Yale University, where his compelling curiosity led him to major in physics but also to immerse himself in history. By his senior year he developed a driving desire to study political science and the following year he began intensive graduate study at Claremont Graduate School. Those days were happy and productive. Both faculty and students were closeknit and the friendships Tom made were to last. It was there that he met and married Molly and began to raise a family, and there that he began to focus his attention on the legislative process, public administration, and the judiciary. He spent 1964-1965 as an APSA Congressional Fellow and worked closely with Senator Ralph Yarborough and Congressman Charles Mosher. He completed his doctoral dissertation on Congress and the space program and received his doctorate in 1965.

Tom's first and only academic appointment was at Smith College. He quickly became valued for his devotion to undergraduate teaching and his concern with initiating students into the newer aspects of the discipline. He maintained a healthy skepticism toward all that was faddish and about the limits of what political science could do; but he always knew there was much that could be done. Although he was first stricken with Hodgkins Disease in the beginning of his third year of teaching, he remained a dedicated teacher meeting his classes despite discomfort and pain (though he never complained). He cheerfully assumed departmental duties and he directed the Social Science Research Center at Smith until the end.

Tom's scholarly activities are well known to specialists in the field in which he wrote. His first journal article was drawn from his dissertation. His last was a brilliant and original systems analytic perspective on critical elections in American political history. In-between he co-authored two books on the federal judiciary, *The Federal Judicial System* and

The Federal Courts as a Political System, as well as shorter pieces in that field. At the time of his death he was involved in research for a study of crime and the processing of criminal cases in the federal district court of the District of Columbia. His great courage and self-discipline in the face of a devastating illness that required frequent hospitalization and continual treatment were a source of inspiration for those who knew and worked with him. His loss to the world of scholarship is incalculable.

Tom had a rich civic life. Among other pursuits, he was active in his church, and he served as chairman of the Williamsburg Republican Town Committee. He was a leader of the student protest at the time of the Cambodia invasion and channeled the rage into constructive lobbying and public education outlets.

Although Tom faced death for five and a half years, he was uncomplaining, optimistic, and hard-working. Despite complication after complication, and operation after operation, Tom bounced back and tenaciously clung to life. He somehow seemed indestructible. His final hospitalization, alas, proved otherwise. He was wise. He was dedicated. He was a beautiful human being. He was our friend, Tom Jahnige.

Charles Robertson
Smith College

Sheldon Goldman
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Peter Martin Stephenson

Peter Martin Stephenson, until recently a member of the Department of Politics at North Carolina State University, died at his home in Fountain City, Tennessee, on 7 September 1973. He was within a few days of his 34th birthday.

Dr. Stephenson was a graduate of Harvard, class of '61, and received his Master's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1963. He served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala for two years and had worked with the Model Cities program in Manchester, New Hampshire. He received his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology shortly before his untimely death.

"Quem Di diligunt. . ."

Fred V. Cahill
North Carolina State University
at Raleigh