



## Thomas Dean Berlin

October 21, 1958 - March 5, 2024

After a second courageous battle against cancer, Dr. Thomas Dean Berlin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and esteemed member of the Orlando community, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was 65 years old.

An alumnus and adjunct professor at the University of Central Florida, Tom earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree, he went on to earn his Doctor of Health Science degree from Nova Southeastern University. Tom served as a Navy Corpsman for seven years prior to his educational track and before joining the team at AdventHealth.

Tom was a highly decorated clinician, professional, and leader. He was the main catalyst in revolutionizing the Respiratory Care profession, locally and nationally. Dr. Berlin served as board member and president of the FSRC, as well as board member and Director-at-Large of the AARC, from 1983 to 2024. Tom further provided insight into professional valuation and impact via his multiple AARC publications. Dr. Berlin founded the "Central Florida Asthma Consortium" in 2000, and "Open Airways for Schools Program" in 1997. Tom fulfilled his mission as a Respiratory Care advocate and health care leader and was celebrated for 40 years of dedicated service at AdventHealth Central Florida Division, where he led and fostered the development of over 600 active Respiratory Therapists; positively impacting the Central Florida

community.

Tom is preceded in death by his father, Dean Berlin. He is survived by his wife, Sabrina Berlin; daughters Sofia Berlin and Graciana Berlin; grandson Michael Norwood; mother, Shirley Olson; stepmother Phyllis Berlin; brothers David (Jolene) Berlin, Christopher Olson, and Sean (Sarah) Olson; and stepsisters Candi (Rick) Beemer and Lori (Mike) Lombardi.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church of Oviedo. The address is 263 King Street, Oviedo, Florida 32765.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to:

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center sarcoma research  
<http://mskcc.convio.net/goto/thomasberlin>

Advent Health Children's Oncology  
<https://give.adventhealth.com/TomBerlin>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
263 King Street  
Oviedo, FL 32765