



## Tom Davis

August 13, 1952 - July 19, 2012

TOM DAVIS, 59, died at his home in Livingston, on Thursday, July 19, 2012.

Born August 13, 1952 in Minneapolis, he was the Davis in Franken & Davis, a member of the original cast and writing team of Saturday Night Live, and author of "39 Years of Short-Term Memory Loss," a memoir.

Tom was also co-author, with Rhoney Gissen Stanley, of "Owsley and Me," to be published in April 2013, a sculptor, musician, and true gentleman.

He did not wage a long battle with cancer; he won, by not fighting. "I try to embrace the inevitable with whatever grace I can muster, and find the joy in each day. I've always been good at that, but now I'm getting really good at it," he wrote in "The Dark Side of Death," for Our Town, the Columbia County quarterly magazine.

Survived by his wife, Dr. Mimi Raleigh, and his mother, Jean Johnson Davis, Tom had scores of friends and fans, who will miss his humor, his grace, and his joy.

Donations in his memory to Animalkind Inc., POB 902, 721 Warren Street, Hudson NY 12534.

A memorial service, to be held in the fall, will be announced at a later date.

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“ When Tom explained his philosophy of dying to me (which was really his philosophy of living), I said, "Okay, I get it. Write it." And he did, as only Tom could--with humility, wisdom, insight, gratitude, and, especially, humor. We published "The Dark Side of Death," in *OURTOWN*, the Columbia County Quarterly magazine in the Winter of 2011. [www.ourtownonline.org](http://www.ourtownonline.org), Issue #23, page 16. I get it, Tom, but I still miss you.



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