



# Thomas Peter Valenti

November 12, 2025

Thomas P. Valenti:

Celebrated American Painter, Educator, and Arts Advocate.

Thomas Valenti, an internationally acclaimed watercolorist and oil painter, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2025 at his home in Washington Township, NJ, he was surrounded by his loving family. Born in the Bronx, NY and

raised in New Jersey, Thomas attended the Newark School of Fine and Industrial

Art in 1974.

His career blossomed early, and he became a fixture in the American realist tradition, known for his tonal mastery and evocative urban and rural scenes.

Thomas served as the President of Allied Artists of America from 2006 to 2017

and taught at numerous institutions such as the Montclair Art Museum, the Bergen Community College, Summit Art Center, Art Center of Northern New Jersey, Ridgewood School of Continuing Education and The Yard School of Art.

He was a frequent juror, guest speaker, and workshop leader, known for his vibrant and detail oriented classes. Thomas leaves behind a lasting legacy of artistic mastery and mentorship.

His work was exhibited in prestigious venues across the United States and China,

including:

- The Butler Institute of American Art
- The Salmagundi Club
- The National Arts Club
- Museums in Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin, and Zhejiang

Thomas's paintings are held in the permanent collections of:

- Rutgers University
- Lipton Tea Company
- Hoffman LaRoche
- Nathan Ancel (Founder of Ethan Allen)
- Numerous private collectors

He received dozens of honors, including:

- Gold Medal of Honor, Allied Artists of America
- Honorary Membership, Allied Artists of America
- Dale Meyers Cooper Award for Watercolor
- Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award
- Emeritus Membership, Salmagundi Club
- Fellow Membership, New Jersey Watercolor Society

His writings and artwork were featured in:

- The Artist's Magazine
- American Artist Magazine
- Splash watercolor series
- Who's Who in American Art

His memory will be cherished by fellow artists, students, collectors, and admirers who celebrate his brilliance, humility, and dedication to the craft. He is

survived by his wife, Noha Khalil-Valenti, daughter, Dana Valenti, brother, Jim

Valenti, niece, Amanda Valenti Brana and husband Steven Brana, Brother-in-law,

Mohamed Khalil, and wife Aimee Goldman and nephew, Youssef Khalil.

A memorial exhibition celebrating Thomas Valenti's life and work will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025 from 1PM to 5PM at:

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ 07649

A service also celebrating Tom's life will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 10:30AM also at the funeral home. Interment to follow at Westwood Cemetery.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations may be made to:

Allied Artists of America, Inc.  
62 Enclosure Street  
Nutley, NJ 07110

And/or

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation  
c/o ReVital Cancer Rehabilitation  
1199 Pleasant Valley Road  
West Orange, NJ 07052

# Cemetery Details

## Westwood Cemetery

Kinderkamack Road  
Westwood, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Oradell  
268 Kinderkamack Rd.  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
(201) 261-1088  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Peter Valenti*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - November 14, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Peter Valenti*

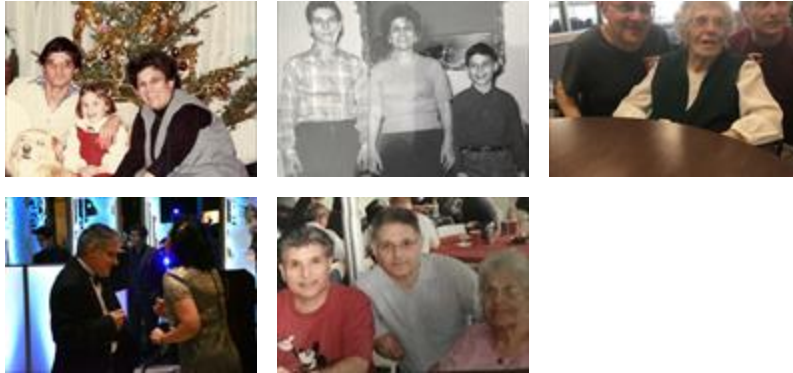


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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - November 13, 2025 at 07:35 PM

JV

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



James J. Valenti - November 15, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Volk Leber Funeral Home - November 15, 2025 at 08:18 AM

NK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Noha Khalil-Valenti - November 14, 2025 at 01:01 PM

MD

“ Noha, I am so sorry for your loss. I was moved to learn about your husband's remarkable accomplishments and lasting influence as an artist. His creative legacy is truly inspiring.

*As a Rutgers alumna, I was especially touched to discover that some of his work is part of the university's permanent collection. What a meaningful tribute to his talent and impact.*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Mary Ducran** - November 14, 2025 at 12:09 PM

MC

“ When my husband and I moved from New Jersey to Pennsylvania in 2008, Tom gave us a beautiful painting as a housewarming gift. It still hangs in our home, reminding us every day of Tom's remarkable talent. Tom also knew how much I loved chicken Parmesan, and for my birthday in 2010, he and Noha surprised me by making it for me. It was absolutely delicious and such a thoughtful gesture.

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**Melissa C.** - November 14, 2025 at 11:17 AM

JV

*Beautiful work, video is outstanding...labor of love...*

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**Joanne Valenti** - November 14, 2025 at 12:45 PM

DE

*Noha,*

*My heart aches for you during this unimaginable time. There are no words that can ease the pain you're feeling right now, but I hope you can take comfort in the love you shared and in the people who care about you. Please know that you are not alone - my thoughts, prayers and support are with you.*

*With heartfelt love and sympathy to you and your family.*

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**DeeDee** - November 14, 2025 at 02:05 PM