



Thomas Gordon Bobick

May 9, 1947 - June 24, 2025

Dr. Thomas Gordon Bobick, formerly of Clymer, PA, has passed away.

He was the son of Helen (Wingard) and John Bobick.

Dr. Bobick received his undergraduate degree at Penn State and graduate degrees at the University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University. He was Professional Engineer, Certified Safety Professional and a Professional Ergonomist.

Dr. Bobick devoted his life to worker safety. He had a 52-year career with the federal government as a Research Safety Engineer at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). He was a patent holder as a co-inventor of safety devices in service to workers at job sites. Dr. Bobick authored or co-authored over 110 peer-reviewed technical research papers.

Dr. Bobick's honors included:

Chair of the A10.50 subcommittee on Heat Stress Management, 2020 – 2025. This Standard was approved by ANSI/ASSP (American National Standards Institute/American Society of Safety Professionals) on January 4, 2024. This is the first National consensus Standard dealing with heat stress in construction and demolition work sites.

The 2024 Thomas F. Bresnahan Standards Medal from ASSP for his extensive work in developing and advocating voluntary national consensus standards in occupational safety and health, including a groundbreaking heat stress management standard that is expected to save many lives
ASSP Safety Professional of the Year, 2016, Construction Practice Specialty.

Engineer of the Year, 2013, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his infant sister, Betsey, his sister-in-law, Marianne, his brother, James, and his nephew, Andrew. Surviving, in addition to his wife, Dr. Saya Rebecca Bobick, are his stepson, Steven Markovich, brother Bruce (Sally) Bobick, sister-in-law, Dr. Sandra Bobick, nephew, Dr. Michael (Tania) Bobick, nieces, Bridget (David) James, and Dr. Bryna Bobick, and their families.

Arrangements and memorials are private. Those wishing to remember Tom in a special way are encouraged to donate to your local animal shelter.

Tom, we are no longer a para(docs).

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Thomas will be sorely missed by our AIHA Construction Committee. He was a strong leader and mentor, especially for his role in the heat stress and ANSI/ASSP A10.50.

Paul Haas - August 07, 2025 at 03:19 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing!. We worked together on the Ambulance safety project at NIOSH, including several field trips. Glad I got to learn from Tom about how to move knowledge forward (and not go insane) inside the federal government.

Carl Werntz - July 07, 2025 at 05:16 PM

BJ

“ I worked with Tom on heat stress over the last few years and finally had the chance to meet him in-person at a conference last year. Tom was a kind and thoughtful individual, and he contributed immensely to the occupational safety and health world both through his time at NIOSH and with the ANSI/ASSP A10.50 Subcommittee. He is dearly missed!

Brenda Jacklitsch - July 02, 2025 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Tom was always helpful, kind, and encouraging. He has surely saved lives in construction and people went home to their loved ones safe and sound because of Tom's work. We shared a couple similarities: being engineers, and working to save lives in construction. Tom made a real difference. - Jonathan Bach

Jonathan A. Bach - July 01, 2025 at 04:14 PM

DB

“ Tom was a dear colleague and friend back in the day when I worked for NIOSH. He was such an inspiration and mentor. He helped me prepare for my presentation to the Hong Kong delegates about fall from elevation preventive measures. He will be greatly missed!

David Bang - July 01, 2025 at 03:07 PM

TA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Dr. Bobick's passing. I worked with Tom on several of his peer-reviewed articles. He was a pleasure to work with and speak to. My condolences to his family.

Tina Angley - June 27, 2025 at 09:56 PM

TC

“ I'll always enjoy Tom's hospitality and our generally nerdy conversations whenever I came to Morgantown to visit Steve and the family. I'll always hold you in high regard my dude.

Tom Considine - June 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ *Such sad news!! Tom was a terrific guy who will be fondly remembered and sorely missed. I met him years ago at the ANSI A10 Construction meeting and he was such a delight to be with and was always willing to share his knowledge about a variety of health and safety issue. He had a great impact on the roofing industry; working with those of us on the low slope roofing standard and actually inventing a guardrail system to protect workers on steep slope roofs. I was his initial liaison to the A10 on the heat stress standard which he and Dr. David May were instrumental in getting over the finish line to publication. His work on occupational safety was recognized by ASSP among other organizations but I will truly miss our conversations about politics, sports and other topics that he would share his hilarious takes on with me! We will miss him so much!!!*

Harry Dietz

Retired

National Roofing Contractors Association

Harry Dietz - June 26, 2025 at 06:47 PM

XI

“ *I'll always remember the egg battles and Scrabble matches. My condolences.*

Xian - June 26, 2025 at 03:54 PM

TF

“ *Sad news – what a force for good Dr. Tom Bobick is and will continue to be. His work will continue to do good things for workers.*

It is important to note that Dr. Bobick was a tough guy and was a real leader... He had so much respect from the members of the A10 Standards Committee creating standards and materials safeguarding safety and health on construction and demolition sites. His leadership of the A10.50 Subgroup for heat stress will benefit workers for many years. That standard was recently published and will save lives and help people.

Dr. Bobick was amazing - literally... Dedicated, compassionate, fierce loyalty, etc... It is not possible to say enough good stuff about Dr. Tom Bobick. I have known him for many years and was always humbled by his passion, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Dr. Tom will not be forgotten - his work helped so many people.

Tim Fisher

American Society of Safety Professionals, [ASSP]

Tim Fisher - June 26, 2025 at 03:53 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was one of the first people I met when I joined NIOSH as a summer student in 1993. Our offices were side by side for 14 years, and I joined him on many occasions for a round of golf and a good time. What I loved about Tom most was his passion for worker safety and his passion for getting it right. He was dedicated to a task until it was absolutely correct. Workers everywhere will benefit for a long time because of his dedication. My last visit with Tom was at the 2024 ASSP Professional Development Conference in Denver where he was honored for his service to advance safety standards. He was busy during the conference but made time to be in the audience for my session which meant a great deal to me. After the session we had the chance to catch up since we had not seen each other since he retired from NIOSH. My prayers are with all the family at this time. Rest easy, Tom.

Jim Harris - June 26, 2025 at 02:45 PM