



Barrie Ashby PhD

June 30, 1949 - December 2, 2025

Professor Barrie Ashby, PhD, of Philadelphia, PA, passed away on December 2, 2025, at the age of 76. Born in Beverley, Yorkshire, U.K., he was the son of the late Harry and Eleanor (née Turner) Ashby.

Barrie was the beloved husband of Georgia Ashby (née Kline), with whom he shared a life filled with curiosity, creativity, and devotion.

A gifted educator, Professor Ashby spent many years teaching at Temple University Medical School, where he was affectionately known as Dr. Ashby by his students. He was admired not only for his deep knowledge of the sciences but also for his patience, humor, and ability to ignite a love of learning in others.

Outside the classroom, Barrie was an avid birder, photographer, and nature traveler. He found great joy in exploring the natural world, often returning from his trips with hundreds of photographs. These images became inspiration for a second passion—painting. Once home, he would spend countless hours at his easel, translating his photographs into vibrant artwork. Over the years he created a remarkable collection, many pieces of which adorn the walls of the family home.

Barrie will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his keen eye for beauty, and his lifelong dedication to teaching and creativity. His legacy lives on in the countless students he mentored and the art and memories he leaves behind. Services for Barrie will be private for the family.