



## Terrence "Mr. Lucky" Vennard

March 9, 1948 - April 27, 2010

Albany-Terrence " Mr. Lucky" J. Vennard, 62, died Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at home. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Joseph and Tekla Polak Vennard. He graduated from St. Casimir's School, Christian Brothers Academy, and Sage College.

Terry began his career like his father, as a proud member of the Operating Engineers, Local 106 before joining the NYS Department of Transportation as a Safety Training Specialist, where he enjoyed a long career in developing important work zone and safety policies, along with innovations in snow removal. Working with SEMA, he was also a First Responder to the World Trade Center tragedy.

He was a member of the Polish Community Center, Knights of Columbus, Polish American Community Center, and Sons of the American Legion. Terry was a communicant of the former St. Casimir Church and Holy Cross Church. He was an avid fan of the New York Giants and Mets, loved golfing and handicapping horses.

He was the beloved father of Stacey Kirk (Matt) and Tim Vennard (Jessica); cherished grandfather of Evan, Andrew, Tyler and Macen; dear brother of Diane Vennard; former husband of Michele Vennard; dear friend of Gail Crisafulli; many cousins and other family members survive.

Funeral services Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 8:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Friday, April 30, 2010 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Terrence J. Vennard in a special way may send a contribution to St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, 315 S. Manning Blvd. Albany, NY 12208.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 1. 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Terrence "Mr. Lucky" Vennard*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Terrence "Mr. Lucky" Vennard*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Diane Vennard and Gail Crisafulli for the loss of a loved one in your heart. Terry will be missed by so many of his friends and acquaintances.##imported-begin##Herb Whitmarsh##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2010 at 11:43 AM



“ Stacey and Tim:

*My deepest condolences to you and your families on the passing of your father. I must admit, I have thought of you from time to time over the years, but this past week, the memories came flooding out. Some of my happiest childhood memories were made with your family. Your dad was always the one to help and teach. Your dad taught me how to bait a hook. I still remember singing "We Are Family" in the car on the way to camp with Tim sitting between us. Stacey, please get in touch with me. I have left my e-mail address so you can e-mail me and I can send you my phone number. Although, as I told you today, I am in the book under "Kevin" and we live on Spawn. I would love to catch up with you. Please take care and know that your Dad is still watching over you.*

*Chrissy###imported-begin##Christine (Brennan) Ford###imported-end##*

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April 30, 2010 at 09:10 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Terry. We worked together when I was at the Labor Dept. as an Safety and Health Inspector and he was very helpful to me when I worked at the AFL-CIO as their Safety and Health Director. He gave me the opportunity to operate a crane, a forklift and a paver. Opportunities that helped me in my job performance and in understanding the workers and the jobs they do. He was always ready to help anyone to do their job in a safer manner and for that alone he made a huge difference in peoples lives. He was always also ready to encourage women to get ahead in the Safety and Health field. This is no small thing in this field. Terry was a good person, a good friend to all and a wonderful person to have known. I extend my sympathies to his family and to the working men and women who will miss such an advocate.##imported-begin##Suzanne Waltz##imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 07:14 PM



“ Diane, Stacey & Tim  
I am sitting here in Georgia with a very heavy heart staring at a blank computer page trying to type something meaningful to you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and the rest of the family.

Our memories are of Terry. Wildwood, all the trips, the Lake, the graduations, the weddings, the babies, the fun, the laughs. He was our friend and we will miss him dearly. May he rest in peace. Love,  
Charlene & David##imported-begin##David & Charlene Metchick##imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ I was saddened to hear of Terry's passing. He was always a good friend at DOT for me. We had fun at all the snow schools and RE meetings. Everyone had fun around Terry - his smile was infectious. I'll miss him. Heartfelt condolences to his family and Gail.  
JennyD###imported-begin###Jenny Depew###imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 02:44 PM



“ I wish to send my deepest regrets to the Vennard family. Terry's passing is felt by many, many people in the Albany area. I met Terry a few years ago at "The Pub". He was the Mayor of the Pub you know! Over time, I had the great opportunity to become Terry's friend, although only for a few years. But what good years they were! What I can truly say is, he had a HUGE heart! He'd have given you the last penny from his pocket had you asked him for it. I will miss his friendship and smile. Go get 'em in Heaven, Buddy! PS Terry: "Lookin' for Lucky" is the favorite in the Derby tomorrow.....I think you must have sent us a little last tip from Heaven!###imported-begin###Robert Gilchrist###imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 02:24 PM



“ Dear Stacey,  
Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Jennifer and Kenny Mandato###imported-begin###Jennifer Mandato###imported-end##

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April 30, 2010 at 11:44 AM



“ I was 11 years old when Terry was born. He was the most beautiful baby on lower Sheridan Ave. I used to sit on my stoop next door and wait for his Mom to bring him out and ask me if I wanted to take him for a walk in his carriage. He was way too young to pass away. My sincerest condolences to all his family especially his sister Diane. Fondly, Lorraine##imported-begin##Lorraine Gervais Bailey##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 03:37 PM



“ Terry was my all time Favorite Supervisor in my 29 yr. career with DOT. I'm very sorry for your loss he will surely be missed. He was a GREAT guy he always made me feel appreciated. GOD,PLEASE BLESS HIM.##imported-begin##MICHAEL SCHAAF##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 03:12 PM



“ Dear Gail and Vennard family i was so sorry to hear about Terry what a shock to me.I am so so sorry.Gail its been a few years since we spoke as i was cleaning for you, Terry always had a story for me and i always hoped he would feel better someday i guess he does feel better now. I often think of you Gail as i am always in that area. If you need anything feel free to call or email me 4665618 once again i am so very sorry for your loss.You will be in my thoughts and prayers Gail##imported-begin##Shelley Heald##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ Dear Diane, Gail, Michelle & family;

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences at Terry's passing. He was certainly an original and good person and we had alot of laughs and fun during our cubicle cohabitation at NYSDOT. I remember playing golf with Terry which was always an unforgettable and hilarious experince, once coming in the last 3 holes in total darkness.*

*Heres to him and all the good times we all had back in the day.*

*Love and hugs to you all in this tough time,*

*Tom Prindle##imported-begin##Tom Prindle##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2010 at 02:34 PM



“ Diane, I was so sorry to hear about Terry. He was one of the very first friends I made at DOT. Many of my happy memories are with Terry. He always had me laughing and he was definitely entertaining with all his stories. Not only that, he was a great safety rep. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Chic Cervera##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 12:59 PM



“ My deepest sympathies. Terry and I were classmates at CBA. Our mothers shared a hospital room when we were born. Terry was born before midnight on March 9. I, after midnight on March 10. We always made it a point to wish each other "Happy Birthday".##imported-begin##John H. Kearney##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 10:51 AM



“ Terry was one of the "good guys" in NYSDOT. He always had a smile. He will be remembered in my prayers.##imported-begin##June (Cross) Johnson##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 10:41 AM



“ I worked with Terry for many years at the NYS Department of Transportation. Terry was a person with vision... and wanted to make things better. He was responsible for the creation of what the Equipment Operator Instructor Corp of the NYS DOT is today. He was an asset to the department in the roles he grew accomosted to. And, as everyone knows, he was great to have working with you during an emergency, he loved the excitement.

Terry, you will be missed by all, so long commish!!!##imported-begin##Rick Stowell##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ Dear Diane,  
I am so sorry for your lost. If there is anything I can do please let me know.  
Your Friend,  
Carol##imported-begin##Carol Dunn##imported-end##

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April 29, 2010 at 09:23 AM



“ We will miss you my friend, cousin, and Polak blood...

*Thank- You Terry { Hey Cuz! } for all the support and memories!*

*LET'S GO BOATING!*

*We love You... Enjoy the ride!!!*

*Cuz and Karen Perry##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Brian D  
Perry##imported-end##*

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April 28, 2010 at 06:33 PM