



## Timothy W. Hard

April 1, 1965 - May 25, 2017

Albany- Timothy W. Hard, 52, entered Eternal Life Thursday, May 25, 2017. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Ronald W. Hard and Claire Fisher Hard. Timothy was a 1983 graduate of LaSalle Institute, Troy and then from Hudson Valley Community College.

Timothy retired from the New York State Police. He was a Trooper for 25 years and was especially proud of service with Troop G as a Senior Diver, Dive Instructor, and Field Training Officer. Tim was a 9/11 First Responder at the World Trade Center and TWA Flight 800. He enjoyed the outdoors, music, fishing, baseball and most of all spending time with his beloved family and dear friends.

He was the cherished father of Emily J. Hard and Alexander W. Hard; fiancé of Jeannie Kelly, and her children Keith Ahearn, Thomas Ahearn, and Kelly Ahearn; brother of Jeffrey R. Hard, Michael F. Hard (Lisa) and Douglas J. Hard (Diane); he is survived by many nieces, nephews, friends, fellow Dive Team Members, and law enforcement colleagues.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Timothy's family Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:00 to 9:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 10:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Those wishing to remember Timothy W. Hard in a special way may send a contribution to Signal 30 Benefit Fund, NYS Troopers PBA, 120 State Street, Second Floor, Albany, NY 12207.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 31.** 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

**JUN 1.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Timothy W. Hard*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JK


“ Tim is and always will be remembered as a man who loved his children, his family, his friends, the NYSP Troop G Dive Team, all who worked and or trained with him, or had the pleasure to have him make you smile.

He will always be remembered for his bravery, dedication, friendship, a man who stood up for what was right when others would not, He was an excellent Dive Instructor, a mentor, a man who you could rely on to have your back, a man of Honor, Respect, and Dignity. He was a True friend to all, he believed that no matter what the circumstances, he and his Dive teammates knew the importance of recovering drowning victims for all of the grieving families.

He was funny, warm, kind, a true gentleman. He loved pizza, molasses cookies, a cold glass of milk, watching beautiful sunsets, looking up at the night sky and star gazing, watching his favorite comedian Sebastian Maniscalco, staying up late with me and watching King of Queens reruns. He assisted 9/11 responders and their families. He knew the importance of inspiring and mentoring new and seasoned Dive Team members. He ALWAYS did more than what was expected in everything he did - he loved to laugh at silly jokes, and was quick witted himself. He was easy to talk to and could light up a room with his presence. He loved to sing and listen to Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Frank Sinatra, and so many others.

He gave the greatest hugs, and would always make you feel safe. He was a great listener and always made you feel special. He was filled with love and devotion, and was a true man inside and out. He loved and praised God everyday of his life, and treated people the same way he would want to be treated. He was one you could always count on, and ALWAYS had my back. He always strived to be the Best of the Best in everything he did. His amazing affection and gentle kisses warmed my heart. I miss him so very much - and know he is watching over and will live forever in my heart and soul. HE IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE JUST AS HE HE SAID I WAS - We promised to LOVE EACH OTHER

FOREVER AND EVER AND EVEN MORE THAN THAT...I PRAY FOR GOD TO KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE AND CARE AND MOST OF ALL TO BE AT PEACE IN HEAVEN.

I LOVE YOU MY SWEETHEART - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN...  
SENDING YOU HUGS AND KISSES TO HEAVEN.💕💕💕💕😘😇  


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**Jeannie Kelly** - June 03, 2017 at 09:59 PM

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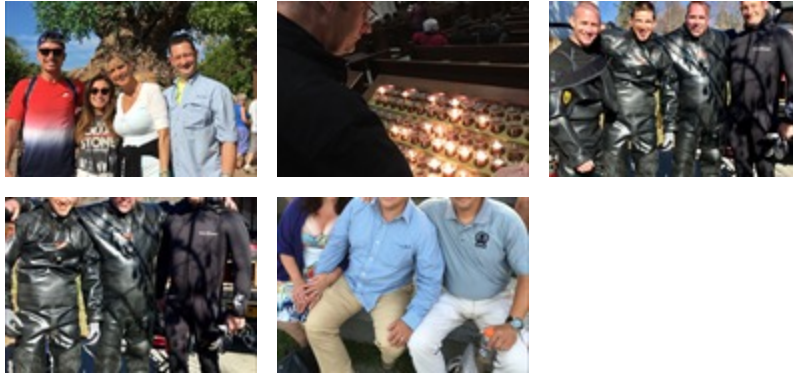
*Timmy, it's been two years since you left us, and I think of you often. I can remember the day I met you, through my cousin who is more like a sister to me, Cathy. When we met, you were working selling forklifts, at the time my girlfriend Sharon and I were Paramedics she in Brooklyn and I in Queens, I later became a firefighter and you would always be interested in our stories about working on the streets and the calls or jobs as we called them. It was around that time that you told us you wanted to become a state trooper. I remember the four of us going to the mall in Albany where there was a storefront that let you sing to music and have it taped, ( yes, taped, it was in the 80's), we sang to " We Are the World". How we all laughed because of my Long Island accent and how I would say certain words. I could go on but this will be enough for now. If anyone would like to talk to me about Tim or his sense of humor, you can contact me at nymedic1914@gmail.com or 602-540-0344. I live in Arizona now, but I'd love to hear from friends and/or family. I miss you my friend, John Martin Sr. Retired FDNY*

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**John Martin Sr.** - May 27, 2019 at 10:35 AM

JK

“ 23 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jeannie Kelly** - June 03, 2017 at 08:38 PM

DB

“ *Sending heartfelt sympathy to the Hard Family. Remembering my cousin Tim as such a funny, caring and all around amazing guy. I am feeling that he has found peace and is embraced in the loving arms of his parents and his Lord.  
Sending love and prayers to all from afar, your cousin, Donna Fisher Breslin, Lake Placid, FL*

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**Donna Breslin** - June 03, 2017 at 07:04 AM

WE

“ Several years ago, Trooper Hard responded when we had a fawn who had fallen into our koi pond and could not get out. He was resourceful and ingenious and finally rescued the exhausted and terrified animal. He checked in with us hours later to see how it was and watched as it ran off into the woods.

He was so kind and gentle with the fawn, and so helpful to us when we had no idea what to do. Reading now what a tremendous scope his career had, our problem seems so minor compared with those of others he helped, but we have always remembered his name and spoken of him when we remembered that incident. We send our deepest condolences to his family. Please know that he made an indelible impact on SO many people throughout his life and career and will be remembered with respect and genuine affection.

Wendy Guida

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Wendy - June 01, 2017 at 04:11 PM

AH

Ms. Guida this is one of my favorites of Dad's "just another one of them days" stories and since he's gone I tell my friends this one quite frequently and always think about how he would never ask about how or why I was in whatever position I was in, he would just start from the bottom and build me back up. The world is missing the more honest and caring human to walk this planet. Thank you so much for sharing this story it made me melt at the word fawn. Bless you and yours...

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Alex Williams Hard - October 04, 2017 at 03:34 PM

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“ You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived...”

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Gloria Coppola - June 01, 2017 at 03:27 PM

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**Gloria Coppola** - June 01, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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**Gloria Coppola** - June 01, 2017 at 03:25 PM

DC

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. I will always remember Tim from our night patrol shifts in Selkirk. We were ruminating one night about not seeing the really bad cases of DWI much any more because of aggressive enforcement. Just then a drunk driver comes careening out from a side road, over a lawn, through bushes, and nearly sideswipes us as we simultaneously exclaim "Oh sh\*t!". Then the fun begins. RIP my friend.*

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**Dan Craven** - June 01, 2017 at 02:48 PM

AH

*Thank you so much for sharing this, means more than the world right now.*

*Alex  
Timothy's son*

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**Alex Williams Hard** - October 04, 2017 at 03:28 PM

LL

“ My condolences to the family. I would see Tim when he came to Division Headquarters, where I worked many years ago. He was in our social group and always had so much fun. Over the years I know he was a great Trooper and being on the Dive Detail was the ultimate for him. I am sorry you left us so soon Tim. We will miss you. Linda Lyons

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**Linda Lyons** - May 31, 2017 at 10:18 AM

MM

“ Deepest condolences to Tim's family and Jeannie. Cast all of your anxiety on Him for He cares for you. May you have His comfort in this most difficult time.

*Mark Mazurkiewicz  
Holland, NY*

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**Mark R. Mazurkiewicz** - May 31, 2017 at 09:50 AM

TD

“ So sorry for your loss. Tim responded to the call for the search and recovery of our son Sean last summer. We are eternally grateful for his service. Our sincere prayers are with you.

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**Theresa DaBiere-Craig** - May 31, 2017 at 05:14 AM

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“ My deepest condolences on behalf of the members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office Dive Team. RIP Tim. Colonel Richard Emery, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office

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**Richard Emery** - May 30, 2017 at 11:31 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Timothy W. Hard.*



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May 30, 2017 at 10:03 AM



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**George Marshall** - May 30, 2017 at 09:22 AM



“ *It was an honor to have worked with Tim. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest easy Brother*



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**Amy Herzog** - May 30, 2017 at 06:17 AM



“ *Emily please accept my most sincere condolences, to you and your family. He was great man and friend.  
Michelle Lumley.*

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**michelle lumley** - May 29, 2017 at 05:17 PM

TM

“ My sincerest condolences to the Hard family. Tim, affectionately known as Angus (for his love of AC/DC) during his days at LaSalle, was a great guy with a terrific sense of humor. A treasured soul gone far too soon. RIP Tim.

Terry Moran  
Clifton Park  
LaSalle class of '83

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terry moran - May 29, 2017 at 02:07 PM

LS

“ Mike were so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Our thoughts are with you. John and linda

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linda m shagalski - May 29, 2017 at 12:00 PM

TB

“ Emily, Alex & family, Please accept my sincerest condolences. We all lost a wonderful man, but he left us with so much. Tim was one of the most honest, loyal & considerate people I've ever known. He always put you two children first & loved you more than anything... Loved talking about the two of you, as well. I'm honored to not only call him my friend, but I also referred to him as a brother. He always had my back & I had his. He will be missed. ❤️

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Theresa Balfe-Gallager - May 29, 2017 at 11:11 AM

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Alex Williams Hard - October 04, 2017 at 03:43 PM

GL

“ To all of Tim's family, especially Alex & Emily: Always know that your dad's love for you was deep and never ending. In time... you will remember all those happy days (there were so many). When you look up at the stars, think of him.

To the NYSP divers: You are the finest. Your loss is great.  
Troop G divers: He loved you so much. EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.  
Carry on for Tim & always stay safe.

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**Gloria** - May 29, 2017 at 09:52 AM

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**Alex Williams Hard** - October 04, 2017 at 03:46 PM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 29, 2017 at 07:33 AM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 29, 2017 at 07:31 AM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 29, 2017 at 07:31 AM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 29, 2017 at 07:30 AM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 29, 2017 at 05:45 AM

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Gloria Coppola - May 29, 2017 at 05:45 AM

AH

*We don't look alike at all, do we? Haha*

Alex Williams Hard - October 04, 2017 at 04:31 PM

JK

“ *My heartfelt condolences and sympathy to the Hard family. Tim was a great, special guy and I will always remember his professionalism, brotherhood, and of course, his humor. RIP my brother.*

*Jack*

Jack K - May 28, 2017 at 07:56 PM



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Gloria Coppola - May 28, 2017 at 02:24 PM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 28, 2017 at 02:12 PM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 28, 2017 at 02:06 PM

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**Gloria Coppola** - May 28, 2017 at 02:05 PM