



Timothy C. Vroman

May 17, 1950 - May 5, 2020

Timothy C. Vroman, 69, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in Libertyville, IL. He was born May 17, 1950 in Endicott, NY, had been a Mundelein and Libertyville resident for the past 20 years and was a US Navy veteran, retiring after 20 years of service. Tim was a member of St. Joseph Church in Libertyville and also enjoyed attending mass at Marytown. He was a former employee of Weber Stephens Products in Palatine and was a former musician with the Eagle Creek band. Tim enjoyed music, golf, traveling and most of all spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife of 48 years, Marguerite "Peggy" Vroman; 2 children, Tim (Michelle Adrian) Vroman and Karen (Andrew Van Meer) Vroman and 2 grandchildren, Anthony Murtaugh and Ava Vroman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Lucille Vroman, brother, Dean and sister, Paulette.

Private funeral services are being held for the family. A memorial mass will take place in the future. Memorial contributions can be made to Marytown, 1600 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Vro was our great Shop Supervisor of the A&O support electrical shop aboard Saratoga. A wealth of technical knowledge along with amusing, but brilliant ways to keep us teens and early 20 year old knuckleheads engaged and producing results. Vro was the guy to find when you were at your wits end, he'd listen and reply with "Ike don't sweat the small shit", then he added "don't sweat until I sweat." I had gotten a humanitarian transfer off the ship, so I didn't do a major deployment with Sara, but upon returning from Refresher Training (REFTRA) off the coast of Cuba Sara went through a rough storm where salt water washed down either a ship's service or a bomb elevator shaft where you need to spend a lot of time trying to find the faulty switch. After spending many hours, I began talking to myself. Vro wanted to see me topside as we were pulling up pier side. Vro called me to the catwalk and said my wife was on the pier, I said I don't see and he grabbed my then weak, limp arm and yelled, HEY TINA, as he shook my arm in the air like a rag doll and pointed to her with his other arm, I didn't know she dyed her hair JET BLACK, and where her and her friend standing with her had gotten perms. She's yelling HI & I love you, so what's the first thing out of my mouth when I realize it IS her was WTF did you do to your hair?! I know, and yes I am, Vro laughed. Vro was one of the first over my house the day my daughter passed to offer help and condolence. He set the bar high not only for a boss, but a sailor, an electrician, a man and a friend. ;(

John Eickmeyer - May 16, 2020 at 07:04 AM

DU

“ Tim or as all of us knew him on The USS Saratoga CV-60 “the Vro”... was more than my first boss in the navy. He introduced me and 17 others in our shop to the right way of doing things. Not just our work but in private life, a true mentor in every sense of the word. I'm not even touching on the Renaissance man he was, the end of a hard day at sea, homesick, tired and frustrated... all of a sudden Vro would be picking and singing... so often he turned frowns into smile and made leaders of many a young man. Thank you Vro for being a big part in my life.
Daniel Urbanski CV-60 (82-86)

DANIEL URBANSKI - May 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM

PE

“Vro” was always there for his Saratoga Brothers. I had the honor of serving as his LPO when he was in charge of the A&O Shop. It was the air boss that gave us the name Vro’s Cronies, so you know we must have made an impression as a group of young go getters. Tim was always there to lead us. When I lost my father, I will never for my mom received a large plant arrangement with a card from Vro’s Cronies. After 27 years, one of my sister still has it. I don’t ever remember calling him Tim, he was always Vro or Vroman to me. Although we lost touch over the years, he helped shape me and everyone else who served with him. I will miss him and always remember him a the great man he was. Fair winds and following sea my shipmate and brother. Paul Emmons, EM2, USS Saratoga, 80-83

Paul Emmons - May 15, 2020 at 11:09 AM

JP

“ Very sorry to hear about Tim's passing. Vro, as he was known to us in his charge in the Navy, was an excellent leader who knew how to balance authority, discipline, direction, friendship and how and when to be a big brother.

Vro helped prepare, shape and mold a lot of us wet-behind-the-ears kids into young men that proudly served under his leadership. I am forever grateful for serving with him; my life is richer and much, much better for knowing him... I will miss Vro very much, as I have all these years since my Navy days.

I am proud to be one of the original 'Vro's Cronies'

Joe Padula - May 15, 2020 at 10:36 AM

DC

I came on board the USS SARATOGA CV-60 as a seasoned Electrician’s Mate Fireman serving under Electrician’s Mate 1st Class Petty Officer Vroman. He was the Leading Petty Officer of the combined Aviation & Ordinance and Power Shop on the second ever Super Carrier. This Aircraft Carrier went through an unprecedented overhaul in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. It was standing next to the Battleship Iowa which also was being recommissioned during the great Cold War military build up of President Reagan. I had sailed across the Pacific Ocean on a different ship and stood many days underway and visited many lands and had extensive training before coming to the Saratoga. Although a shellback and trained, the Aircraft Carrier Saratoga was an enormous ship. The biggest in the world and there was a lot to learn. It had very complex electrical systems. Vroman was the backbone of the ship. There was nothing he didn’t know and was absolutely fearless of anything on it. He was professional and respectful to the veterans that came on board. He was fierce but, he was fair. The ship, all of the Nucleus Crew Electrician’s Mates, and this nation should honor this man. We went through special secret gates with armed marines and vicious dogs guarding the ship in and out. I never saw anything like it in the fleet. That battleship and Super Carrier Saratoga saved the world by making the Soviet Union capitulate. Thanks Vro for respecting me and being a good leader for me. You were the best Petty Officer in the Fleet. Well done and Rest In Peace.

Dennis Carr - May 15, 2020 at 11:20 AM



Rest in peace, Shipmate.

Michael Donovan - May 15, 2020 at 12:50 PM

JS

To Tim (Vro) Family, my deepest condolences. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

1st time I meet Vro was when I reported aboard the USS Saratoga May 82, fresh out of Bootcamp, school and new to the Fleet. In my eyes Vro was larger than life! Vro took all us newbies under his wings and showed us the ropes, made us good Sailors and Electricians. Vro was more than a LPO, Shipmate, friend, and a Brother. I never had a big brother, during my 3 years on the Saratoga Vro was my big brother.

There is a old Irish saying " May you be in Heaven a half an hour before the Devil knows your dead".

Rest in Peace Vro, my Brother/Shipmate and Friend.

John Schenewerk - May 15, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DB

Served with Tim on the Sara. Shared a few beverages and he taught me the guitar. Good man to sail with

Dale Brooks - May 15, 2020 at 09:34 PM

CL

I can remember many times in Engineering Central... it would be quiet as a library and all of a sudden he would burst into song... my favorite was "TANGERINE." God Bless you Shipmate. You were a mentor to many and anyone who knew you is a better person for it.

Charlie Latham - May 18, 2020 at 12:50 PM