



## Bernard Vincent Tomardy

December 2, 1943 - February 11, 2014

Bernard Vincent Tomardy died on February 11, 2014, at Anne Arundel Medical Center after a long struggle with esophageal cancer. He was 70.

Born on December 2, 1943, to the late Vincent and Lola (Sokolowski) Tomardy, he grew up in Point Lookout, Seat Pleasant and Bowie. He graduated from Suitland High School and then served in the Army from 1967-1971 during Vietnam.

Bernie married Barbara Jean "BJ" Alexander in 1975. He spent his career with NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt as Security Communications and retired in 2005 as Branch Head of IT Security. They resided in Stevensville, MD from 1979 where Bernie was very active in the Kent Island Elks serving on various committees and as a past Exhaulted Ruler.

Bernie was an honorary lifetime member of United Community VFD, Island Entertainment "DJ Bernie," American Legion 278, and VFW Post 7464. He is survived by his wife, BJ, and his daughter, Amanda Lynn Tomardy, of Stevensville.

A celebration of Bernie's life will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. at the KI Elks Lodge, 2525 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society,  
8219 Town Center Drive, Baltimore, MD 21236.

# Previous Events

## **celebration of life**

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kent Island Elks Lodge  
2525 Romancoke Road  
Stevensville, MD 21666

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy* ”



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 07, 2023 at 11:24 PM



“ *Bernard Vincent Tomardy* ”

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bernard Vincent Tomardy* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Bernard Vincent Tomardy* ”

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sissy Tucker lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy* ”



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**Sissy Tucker** - February 27, 2014 at 08:10 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Ricker lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Lisa Ricker** - February 27, 2014 at 12:14 PM

LR

*Our thoughts and prayers to the Tomardy family. Bernie was one of the first people we met when we moved to the island. He will truly be missed. Gary and I will always cherish his friendship.*

*Lisa & Gary Ricker*

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**Lisa Ricker** - February 27, 2014 at 12:34 PM

AW

“ *I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Bernie and my prayers go out to his family. I started out working with Bernie at NASA back in 1971. He was my mentor and a very close friend who taught me that hard work brings success. We shared a lot of good times off and on over the years that I will always remember.*

*Al (Sonny) Wright*

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**Alfred Wright** - February 24, 2014 at 05:05 PM

ED

“ *God bless you all; sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Bernie for many years here at Goddard Space. I remember one time asking him about the current job he was doing before he left and he said, "you know if I told you what I do I'd have to kill you!" He could be a funny man. :-)*

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**Eileen DeVous** - February 24, 2014 at 12:41 PM

DT

“ I was so very sorry to learn of Bernie's passing. Bernie had the biggest heart of anyone I have ever known; a humanitarian giving all of himself to those in need and any cause or situation he became aware of. When I think of Bernie I remember happiness, fun times, kindness, generosity, compassion, honor, a leader and mentor, the epitome a truly, great person. I know his absence will leave an emptiness in the many lives he has touched.

*BJ and Mandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven has received a special angel, and if they ever need a DJ, I know Bernie will be spinning those island tunes for all to enjoy!*

*God Bless*

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**Diane Teets** - February 21, 2014 at 03:48 PM

GE

“ One of our first close friend when we moved to the island. A wonderful person who would help a friend or a neighbor at the drop of the hat. He will truly be missed. So many memories shared with the Tomardy"s. Nancy and I will always cherish his friendship.

*George and Nancy Eber  
Myrtle Beach SC*



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**George Eber** - February 21, 2014 at 08:47 AM

JE

“ TO THE tOMARDY FAMILY, BERNARD WILL BE MISSED. HE WAS A VERY NEAT INDIVIDUAL I HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORK WITH AT NASA. HE WAS LOTS OF FUN TO BE AROUND. GOD BLESS HIM AND THE FAMILY. HE SURE KNEW HOW TO PUT ON A PARTY.

*JEANEE HOWARD, NASA*

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**JEANEE** - February 21, 2014 at 06:28 AM

DS

“ *BJ and Mandy, we are sadden with this news. Bernie was a great man and loved doing what he did. He was "my dad" as well as a lot of other women on the island. He will be missed dearly. It was an honor for him to DJ my wedding! If you need anything, please let me know.*

*Donna and Jerry Snow*



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**Donna Snow** - February 20, 2014 at 07:25 PM

DB

“ *BJ and Mandy we were so sorry to hear about Bernie. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we love you dearly. Wish I could be there.*

*Dawn Alexander Britton & Avery*

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**Dawn Britton** - February 20, 2014 at 10:04 AM

PB

“ *BJ, You have our deepest sympathies. Sending you hugs and prayers to help you through your time of grief.*

*Paula Toone Brodell*

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**Paula Brodell** - February 19, 2014 at 06:53 PM

CH

“ *Charlie & Dina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Charlie & Dina Harris** - February 19, 2014 at 05:58 PM

CH

*Our Thoughts and Prayers to Bernies Family*

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**Charlie** - February 19, 2014 at 06:06 PM

CR

“ *Carole And Rob Robertson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Carole and Rob Robertson** - February 19, 2014 at 04:31 PM

PP

“ *Barbara and Mandy, I can hardly believe Bernie is gone. He was a very special person. We had special memories. Now he in heaven with Pauline. May you know how much you are loved. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Aunt Phyllis and Harold*



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**Phyllis Pressley** - February 19, 2014 at 04:22 PM

JO

“ *Bernie,  
Thank you for your volunteerism with the Elks and our community. You have allowed our communities and our county to be a better place because of your heart and soul given to helping others! My best friend list diminishes by one, but the memories will last a life time! God Bless YOU!  
Terry Ober*

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**J. Terry Ober** - February 19, 2014 at 03:14 PM



“ *Guardian Angel Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Vincent Tomardy.*



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February 19, 2014 at 10:14 AM

DA

*“ Life is about building memories and Bernie was busy man building a lot of memories  
you will never get over the loss & all you are left with are memories built over the years. Bernie was my Big Brother always around to help get me into trouble & helped to get me out of trouble. We had some good times.  
Bernie may be gone but will never be forgotten  
Danny.*

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**Danny** - February 19, 2014 at 10:01 AM

CT

*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bernie sure will be missed!*

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**Ceelste & Tim** - February 19, 2014 at 09:25 AM



*“ Very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Will be keeping you all in my prayers. Love, Debbie Pate Moore*

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**Debbie Moore** - February 17, 2014 at 12:33 AM

RE

*“ We are very sad to hear the news. He will truly be missed.*



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**Russell Eber** - February 15, 2014 at 03:49 PM

KB

*“ I am so sorry to learn of Bernie's passing. Barbara and Mandy, you are in my thoughts and prayers. He was a wonderful man.*

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**Karen Brewer** - February 15, 2014 at 03:15 PM

TB

“ *R.I.P Bernie.. What an awesome person...  
You will be truly missed..*



Tommy & Karen Beall - February 15, 2014 at 02:18 PM

LG

“ *So very sorry for you loss.  
Lou Ann Alexander Goforth*

LOu Ann Goforth - February 15, 2014 at 10:52 AM

PE

“ *Bernie was my cousin, my friend, my neighbor and my classmate.  
We now live 1,000 miles apart but I look at his picture everyday in  
my office, you will be sorely missed. I'm just sorry that near the end  
of our lives we didn't spend more time together. God bless you.*

Patrick M. Evans - February 15, 2014 at 10:12 AM

RE

“ *Ryan And Lauren Eber lit a candle in memory  
of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



Ryan and Lauren Eber - February 15, 2014 at 09:19 AM

PK

“ *Patty And Jerry King lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Patty and Jerry King** - February 15, 2014 at 07:45 AM

WS

“ *The world sure feels dimmer with Bernie's light gone. We will miss that mischievous sparkle in his eyes, hanging out with him, and his sage advice. Bernie was a great friend and mentor and we were blessed to have him in our lives. He leaves behind a legacy of love and caring and a call to action. If we follow his example of an all around good guy who always helped his fellow man, we can each make a difference in our little corner of the world. Though he is gone, Bernie will never be forgotten. Our hearts go out to his family at this difficult time. We pray that God will strengthen, comfort, and keep you.*

*Joe and Wendy Stevens*

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**Wendy Stevens** - February 14, 2014 at 03:52 PM

LH

“ *Your sparkly eyed smile will be greatly missed. Your legacy is with Mandy and she shines on for you. Rest easy Bernie and I am honored to have known you.*

*Lori and Paolo*



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**Lori Hantman** - February 14, 2014 at 02:26 PM

SG

“ Gosh, I will miss Bernie. Looking back, I realize, he’s made a big impact on my life.  
Bernie talked me into going into management and being his Assistant Branch Head. He introduced me to the Elks and encouraged me to join and then to help him in the kitchen. He stood close by like a body guard during my husband’s funeral. Many years later he introduced me to my new love, Kevin. He’s helped me more times than I can count and always treated my boys with kindness. He was easy to talk to and to laugh with. I’ve lost a wonderful friend. My prayers are with you, BJ and Mandy. He loved you both immensely.

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**Shelly Greer** - February 14, 2014 at 02:11 PM

LJ

“ Lynn And John lit a candle in memory of  
Bernard Vincent Tomardy



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**Lynn and John** - February 14, 2014 at 12:50 PM

IL

“ We have had some great times with Bernie at the KI Elks and as he volunteered many hours for our Relay For Life events. Remembering his own words “I have taken you down and now I will lift you up”.  
RIP DJ Bernie, Rise on the Wings of Angles  
Much love sent to BJ and family  
PS: Bet ya Bernie is fixin’ some Chesapeake Wings for Angie.

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**Irene & Gerry Laird** - February 14, 2014 at 12:36 PM

CM

“ *Carrie Mitten lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Carrie Mitten** - February 14, 2014 at 11:29 AM

CM

*Bernie is at peace now. No more pain or discomfort! We love you so much. Please let me know if I can do anything for the service.*

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**Carrie Mitten** - February 14, 2014 at 11:30 AM

KW

“ *Kim Starrett And Chuck Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Kim Starrett and Chuck Wilkerson** - February 14, 2014 at 11:27 AM

KW

*We had many good times, my Friend. May you Rest in Peace. Loving Prayers to Your Family*

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**Kim Starrett and Chuck Wilkerson** - February 14, 2014 at 11:30 AM

CR

“ *Carole And Rob Robertson lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



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**Carole and Rob Robertson** - February 14, 2014 at 11:13 AM

CR

*Rest in Peace Bernie, no more pain...we shall meet again my friend!*

**Carole and Rob Robertson** - February 14, 2014 at 11:14 AM

JH

“ *Jaki Hughes lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



**Jaki Hughes** - February 14, 2014 at 10:52 AM

EL

“ *I worked with Bernie at Goddard for thirty seven years. We had a great working relationship as well as a personal one. Many great memories of fishing trips with him as well as functions over the years when he was the DJ. He was always fair and firm in his work assignments involved with NASA Security responsibilities. He is missed I wish his family well as they move forward without him.*  
*Ed & Sandi Lawless*

**Edward A. Lawless** - February 14, 2014 at 10:50 AM

CG

“ *Cheri & Thad Gerardi lit a candle in memory of Bernard Vincent Tomardy*



**Cheri & Thad Gerardi** - February 14, 2014 at 06:24 AM

PR

“ Words cannot express how truly saddened our family is about Bernie's passing. Over the years we have created a lot of memories that will forever be in our hearts. He was truly a great neighbor, wonderful husband and dad, our favorite chef, but most of all we are honored to have had him for a friend. He will forever live in our hearts.

*Tom & Patti & Family*

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**Pat Ray** - February 13, 2014 at 12:20 PM

SH

*Mandy and B.J. Don and I are so sorry to hear this. Let us know if you need anything. Our prayers are with you.*

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**Sharyn Harlow** - February 13, 2014 at 01:33 PM

TR

*Mandy and B.J. Even though we've only been members for a short period of time, your family goes above and beyond to make newcomers feel comfortable and at home. Bernie will be missed by many but loved by all who knew him. We are sorry for your loss and are here if you need anything. The Mallary's and Truckin4Troops.*

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**Truckin4Troops** - February 13, 2014 at 04:06 PM

CH

*Bernie was a wonderful man, always there with a big smile and a helping hand. Butch loved him . They both shared their love for Elkdom. I will miss Him too..... Cathy*

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**Cathy Hauer** - February 19, 2014 at 01:34 PM