



Subj: SSSH Personnel History
Name: Brennan, Tom
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Thomas enjoyed amateur photography where he learned to develop his own pictures at home. He had a great interest in Genealogy where he often traveled to the National Archive building in Philadelphia researching family, friends and neighbors' genealogy. He also enjoyed watching the Phillies, Eagles and college basketball, especially St. Joe's and Villanova....
 (Please visit the aforementioned Legacy.com website to see the rest of the obituary)

I would like to apologize for the delay in announcing Tom Brennan's passing. Tom and I both went to St. James High School in Chester, Tom graduating in 1952 and I graduated in 1964. It was through St. James alumni 2025 Fall Newsletter, 'The Bark' that I read of Tom's passing.

Dave Kavanagh
 SSSH

Thomas Brennan Obituary

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Cavanagh Family Funeral Homes, Inc. & Private Crematory - Norwood on Oct. 1, 2025



Thomas Brennan, 91, of Glenolden, passed away Thursday June 5, 2025. He was born November 29, 1933, in Philadelphia, son of the late Francis and Kathryn (Haughey) Brennan. Thomas began playing baseball and basketball for various sports associations in the Prospect Park/Norwood area and at St. Gabriel's

Grammar School.

Thomas was a 1952 graduate of St. James High School in Chester where he played basketball for the St. James Bulldogs. He also played basketball for St. Joseph's University, graduating in 1956. His greatest pride playing for St. Joe's was when he played in Madison Square Garden.

Thomas began working for General Steel in Eddystone, then spent most of his career in the shipbuilding and repair industry for Sun Ship Building and Dry Dock Co., Pennsylvania Shipbuilding both in Chester PA. and Phillyship in Camden N.J.

Thomas was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Secane, where he was quite active volunteering for many roles such as 5th & 6th grade boys basketball coach, parish photographer, usher, traffic director after masses, as well as assisting in the maintenance needs of the Parish, especially when it came to painting any of the buildings.

Thomas was also active with the Adoptive Mother's Club, the Briarcliffe Father & Son Athletic Association, the Knights of Columbus Marian Council, and Our Lady of Fatima CYO.

1: Tom's Corporate information

This information was from SSSH's 'Sun Ship Personnel Report' dated February 15, 1979:

Badge: 08-002
Employment: Semi-Monthly
Name: Thomas Brennan
Service: 12yr, 4mo, 4days

2: Following from 'Sun Ship Log' Newsletters:

2a: December, 1966 Edition:

SSHS: 706_6612_02e



Tom Brennan — Foreman, Receiving Dept. and author of the article on page 3. A St. Joseph's graduate, Mr. Brennan has been with Sun Ship four years.

Article written by Tom in our Sun Ship Log December, 1966 Issue

SSHS: 706_6612_03a,b,c

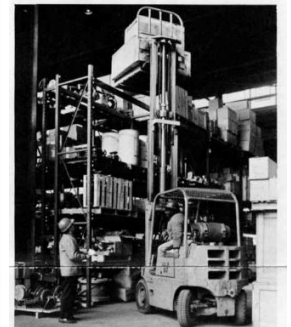
Spacious Storeroom Becomes A Reality

On January 16, 1967, the receiving, shipping, and material control departments were relocated from the Central Yard to the #3 storeroom in the North Yard. The increase in Sun Ship's business was directly responsible for the company decision, made early in 1965, to enlarge the capacity of the storeroom.

Before the move, five facilities were available, four in the Central Yard and one in the North Yard for a combined total of 152,228 enclosed square feet. Then in September of 1965, the #3 storeroom in the North Yard was added to the complex as a storage area to increase the available area by 149,650 square feet, or a total of 301,878.

Ample space in itself, decentralization made it difficult to locate and assemble items, verify inventories, and supervise material handling and, as a result, two of the storerooms in the Central Yard were eliminated.

Consolidation netted a loss of nearly 30,000 square feet, but the use of 144 pallet racks recovered all but 10,000 square feet of this loss. Each rack measures 8' x 4' x 16' high; they are located in #3 storeroom.



J. Henderson, 80-58 (left) and A. Brown (76-107) right by new 16 foot pallet racks.

Before the new storeroom in the North Yard could be occupied, offices were partitioned and furnished, roadways poured from the existing North Yard parking lot, the receiving docks were extended, and general building improvements were made in readiness for the move. As a result, the main storeroom in the central yard contains all "stock" material and 80-S is the storage depot for ship repair and owners items. The two North Yard storerooms are the receiving points for all material and storage for contract and direct purchase material, items which account for about 75 percent of that received and stored.

Future plans for 80 Department facilities call for the installation of a 50-ton crane in the high bay of #3 storeroom to handle storage of heavy machinery, and the erection of a pipe storage field on the east side of the same storeroom with a 30-ton overhead crane.

3: Following from Tom's Contributions to the Sun Ship Historical Society's Archives:

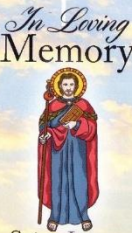
Tom Brennan and Howard Dukes at a reunion event (Wetherill Reunion?) on 2003.04.26 at Lehman's Tavern. Partial list of attendee's Phil Masusock, Joe Spinelli, Rich Settine, Fran Smith If anyone can identify this event we would appreciate any information about the event - dmk.



4: St. James 'Bark' Obit Page, Fall, 2025:

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Together, we can honor their legacy and cherish the moments we shared.

Stanley Kiernicki, '62.....Jan 2020	 <p><i>In Loving Memory</i></p> <p>Saint James Pray for Us</p>	Paul A. Miazza, '65.....July 2025
George Bonina, '65.....Oct. 2021		William F. Collins, '64.....July 2025
Charles Costello, '58.....Jan. 2024		Patrick O'Doherty, '66.....July 2025
Richard Collachi, '63.....Jan. 2024		Brian K. Lutz, Sr., '77.....Aug 2025
James Hayes, '62.....June 2024		Ralph J. DeMaio, '55.....Aug 2025
Christopher Sharpe, '93.....April 2025		Donald T. Yost, '55.....Aug 2025
Michael Beyba, '69.....April 2025		John J. Cucchi, '53.....Aug 2025
Robert English, '65.....May 2025		Donald Ferrell, '57.....Aug 2025
Joseph Long, '68.....June 2025		Dr. John Forchetti, '54.....Aug 2024
James DeProphetis, '62.....June 2025		Robert Palestini, '59.....Sept 2025
Thomas Brennan, '52.....June 2025		Thomas Subers, '70.....Sept 2025
William Thomas, '62.....June 2025		Francis Sloskey, '80.....Sept 2025
Paul D. Petrillo, '75.....June 2025		Thomas M. Gildea, '71.....Sept 2025
Philip A. Greto, '56.....June 2025		William J. Fulmer, '47.....Sept 2025
David F. LeTourneau, '60.....June 2025		Robert J. Mangan, '67.....Sept 2025
Daniel J. Studzinski, '64.....June 2025		
William Cavanagh, '64.....June 2025		
Robert Kozak, '71.....June 2025		
Martin Deeney, '57.....July 2025		
Bennie D. Wilson, '69.....July 2025		
Patrick J. Holland, '59.....July 2025		

Each year the St James Alumni Association conducts its Memorial Mass - remembering alumni, faculty and staff that have died in the past year. All are welcomed to join in our remembrance Mass.
The 2026 Memorial Mass is Scheduled for May 3, 2026.

The names appearing above are those fellow Bulldogs that have passed from the last issue of The Bark. May they all Rest in Peace.