

Vinny's obit from the St. Petersburg Times:

CUCUZZA, VINCENT A., 57, of Spring Hill, died Wednesday (April 28, 2004) at Hernando-Pasco Hospice in Brooksville. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he came to this area two years ago from Lancaster, Pa. He was a director of food services and was a Navy veteran. He enjoyed woodworking, reading and sketching. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 764 and was Catholic. Survivors include two sons, Gregory, Spring Hill, and Keith, Pennsylvania; a brother, Peter, New York; two sisters, Josephine Bonfiglio, New York, and Tina Gyarmati, Spring Hill; and a grandchild. Turner Funeral Homes, Spring Hill.

When I found out Vinny passed away, I put this photo album together for his family. He was one of my best buddies aboard the Canopus.

Vinny was saving money for when he got out, so never went on liberty. Here he is relaxing in the Photo Lab listening to music.



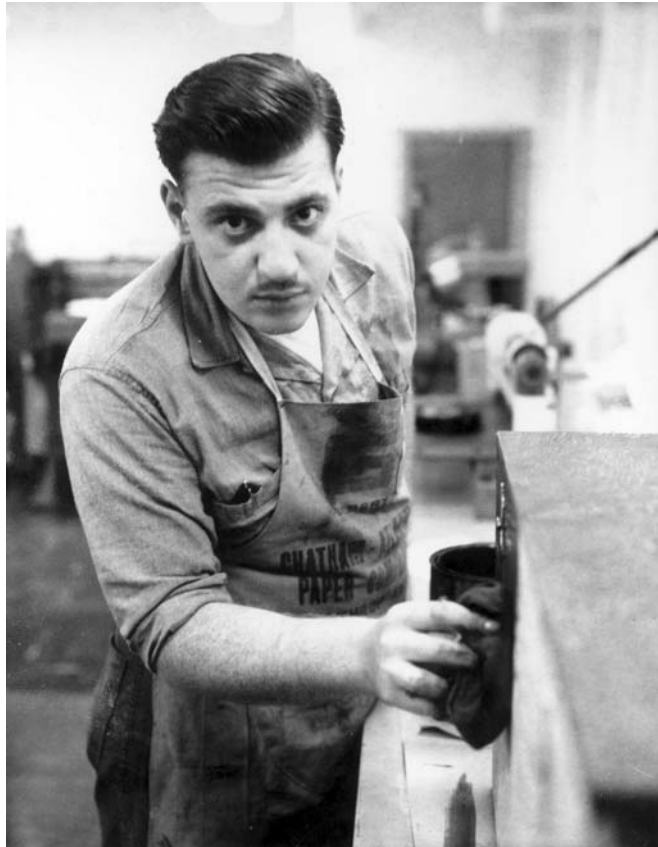
With Mike Gordon, his co-worker from the Print Shop.



We did a lot of goofy things together. Here he is with Don Appleby and Jim 'Mac' McKee imitating the three monkeys.



The Print Shop was right across from the Carpentry Shop, so it was easy to get tools and supplies from them. He used to love to make footlockers for us. Here he is making mine.



As a goof he made a model of a very expensive camera (Hasselblad 500c) I bought on board the ship.



When spray painting it, he got it all over his face!



In December of 1967, the Repair Services Division was going to have a Shipwreck Party. You came dressed as if you were shipwrecked. Vinny and I cut up uniforms together in the Print Shop in preparation.





Here is my favorite picture of me and My Buddy Vinny.

