



## Dr. Raymond William Vreeland

July 23, 2010

Dr. Raymond W. Vreeland, 84, of Skaneateles died Friday while at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Born in Syracuse, he graduated from Union Springs Academy, served in the Army following graduation and later went to University of Pittsburgh Dental School. He practiced dentistry in his own practice for over 46 years in Jamesville and later in Syracuse offices. He was a member of the Onondaga County Dental Society, 5th District Study Club and Westvale Seventh Day Adventist Church. Raymond is survived by his wife of 57 years Elizabeth (Nycz) Vreeland; two sons Tom (Mari) of Cazenovia and Eric (Laura) of Skaenateles; a daughter Gayle (David) Land of Minnetonka, MN; two brothers Eugene and Stewart Vreeland; ten grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Calling Hours are 4 to 7 pm Wednesday at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Genesee Street, Camillus. Services are 10 am Thursday at the funeral home followed by a burial with military honors at Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc., 356 N. Midler Ave, Syracuse, NY 13206 or Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery, 1672 State Rt. 321, Elbridge, NY 13060. Please sign his guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com) Link to Raymond's Remembrance Video

# Tribute Wall



“ *B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Raymond William Vreeland*



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**B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments** - December 02, 2014 at 12:04 PM

CB

“ *13 years later, I still miss Dr. Vreeland. He was the best Dentist.*

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**Carlo R Basta** - May 25, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SC

“ *Dr. Vreeland was such a kind gentle man who sincerely loved his work. He will be greatly missed. I knew him for only a few years as a patient but he and Theresa made a wonderful team.*

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**sandra collins** - August 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *I was deeply saddened by the death of Dr. Vreeland. I have just found this out. He has been my dentist for 25 years and he and his assistant Theresa were always at the ready to see me on an emergency basis if needed. They were always kind, thoughtful, and easy mannered. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Gail Wahl** - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS THE SADNESS I FEEL AT THE LOSS OF MY FAVORITE DENTIST. IT WAS GREAT TO TALK W/ HIM ABOUT THE FISH HATCHERY AND GROWING UP W/ MY GRANDPARENTS WHO LIVED ACROSS FROM HIM IN ELBRIDGE. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED AND ALL WILL BE IN THOUGH AND PRAYER.

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**MARK EZZO** - August 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Elizabeth, I was saddened to learn of Ray's passing. He was a true professional and a great man. He will be missed. Please accept our condolences. Dr. Joe Finelli and Staff*

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**Joseph Finelli** - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dr. Vreeland was a kind and compassionate man. My deepest sympathy to Mrs. Vreeland, Eric, Gayle, Tom and their families.*

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**Jacqueline Boone** - August 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *I will miss Uncle Billy sooo much. He was the sweetest uncle anyone could ever have. I don't have a specific incidents, but I do know he was always kind and never had a harsh word when I was growing up. I always enjoyed going to his house when I was growing up. Aunt Betty, I know you will really miss him and my prayers are with you. I pray GOD will give you strength. Love, Your Neice, Lilly Rikard(vreeland)*

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**Lilly Rikard(Vreeland)** - August 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We pray that our heavenly father may sooth the anguish of your bereavement & leave you only the cherished memories of love shared. With love Tony & Norma Jean Petote

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**Tony & Norma Petote** - July 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am sorry for your loss. I had been seeing Doc Vreeland since I was 16 years old and started with him in the Office in Jamesville. He was a great guy and will be missed. Dennis Fikes

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**Dennis Fikes** - July 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ My entire life I have admired and loved my Uncle Billy. Throughout my life he has been a sterling example of gentleness, kindness, and patience. He was always quick with a smile, a laugh, and was a deeply caring person. I grew up seeing so much of the loving kindness of his father portrayed in his character. He admired his Dad, my grandfather, for his many wonderful character traits, but he never seemed to realize how fully he reflected the caring qualities of his Dad. I have been truly blessed to have known him and will cherish many memories of his life for the rest of mine.

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**Dale Vreeland** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mike, Haley and I are truly sorry to hear the news about Mr. Vreeland. Our thoughts are with Mrs. Vreeland, Eric, and their family.

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**Leslie Schug** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mike, Haley, and I are very sorry to hear the news about Mr. Vreeland. Our thoughts are with Mrs. Vreeland, Eric, and the rest of the family.

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**Leslie Schug** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I, and later my wife, were patients of his. For over 35 years I would see him every 6 months. He would marvel at the bridgework he did so many years ago and how well it held up. He and Teresa made the best dental team ever. We will keep him in our prayers. God bless Dr. Vreeland

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**Gerd Wirickx** - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We are so saddened to hear of Ray's passing, and thinking of all his family members with sympathy. Praying for peace in this difficult time...

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**Beth Cady and Frederick Burghardt** - July 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We were patients of his for over 20 years, he will be greatly missed. Mrs. Vreeland sorry for your loss, he was loved and respected by us. Teresa was there also, during those years when we visited his practice. Our Condolences go out to Vreeland and his family. He always talked about his grandchildren. God bless, with our deepest and sincerest sympathies. The Meltons

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**Michael and Wy Melton** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, we loved and respected Dr. Vreeland. We were his patients for 20 years or more. We loved him he was such a special person in our lives. Mrs. Vreeland please accept our condolences. Teresa who was working for him for all those years also. He will be greatly missed. Love the Meltons*

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**Wy and Michael Melton** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

“ *CELEBRATION of the Life of Raymond W. Vreeland, DDS By: S.W. Vreeland Burbank, California July 23, 2010 It is a difficult task to sum up the life of another man in a few words. It is impossible to access the life stature of a brother so very close although for a significant number of years we lived thousands of miles apart. On the other hand, with the aid of the telephone and internet, we intimately shared our thoughts and hearts. My Brother, “Bill” as we in the family called him, was my protector and guide when we were “kids.” He was my hero when I was a child and a mentor throughout the later years. For the first few years, three of “us boys,” shared the same crowded bedroom in that little house in Fairmount, NY. Bill and I shared the same bed. On cold winter nights when frost would form on the windows and walls, I could snuggle up close to “Bill” to keep warm. He was my “Big Brother,” and to me then, and, it will always be so. In the late 1930”s we moved to our Grandmother’s farm. For me it was a big adventure. She was alone and had a big farm to run. So we were there to “help out.” Bill was fooling around with me in the kitchen one day when my head hit the edge of the sink and severely cutting the bridge of my nose. Oh, how concerned for his little brother he was. Infection set in but I survived. For many years I carried the scar and Bill frequently would examine it. In the summer time, I saw Bill drive the hay wagon with a two horse team. One of the horses name was, “Duke.” As he stood on the load of hay, Bill’s head appeared to reach to the sky! Wow! That big load of hay had to be loaded into the barn. Again, my hero hooked up “Fanny,” a dappled gray yearling, to the hay fork that would lift large forks of hay off the wagon and into the barn. Folks, for me, that was an adventure! In 1941, we moved back to the little house in Fairmount. In the summer time, little brother, “Gene” and I would go swimming and bathing in the near-by Geddes Brook. We thought we were alone, but were unaware of the watchful eye of “Big Brother Bill.” He did not always make his presence known to us. He was concerned about the safety of his two little brothers. There lived a bully or two in the area that sometimes abused his little brothers. Bill was there to make sure they could swim and play unmolested. In later years we found pictures that “Bill” had taken of his brothers*

*at that swimming hole. I treasure those pictures now. After returning from "the farm" Bill and Sister Marie went to the Fairmount Schools. The first one was called "The Old School," which later became the Fairmount Fire Department. When Mom would send him off to school, among her last words to him would be, "Get 100." And he did. Bill became a diligent student. About 1935, the "New School," was completed, from which Bill graduated from the eighth grade. Again "my hero," showed up as the tallest one in the class! The graduation picture shows it. He then went to Solvay High School. Bill began to play the clarinet. He was very faithful in practicing. In his attempt to get real music amid the squeaks, it must have drove his mother nuts, but I never heard her complain. There is something about the young in learning music that instills tenacity about learning anything. It requires repetition until they get it right. I think that A large portion of Bill's success can be attributed to repetition as is with most any learning. During the middle 1940's our Dad, Mom and three boys joined the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Syracuse. It was decided that "Bill," would go to Union Springs Academy to finish high school education. What an adventure for him! He made new friends for life there. After graduating from Union Springs Academy, he worked for the Specter Cadillac Dealership in Syracuse. Then to the US Army Air Force for two years. Bill had a great se*

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**Stewart Vreeland** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ my family will miss Doc Vreeland,he was our dentist and friend for over 25 yrs.....he was both a great dentist and a great man.His death was an awful shock to us as we all felt close to him.My family would always recommend his dental services to friends and others looking for a great dentist,i am sure they felt the same way my family felt towards him.My sympathy to his family as he often spoke of them.We also send our loving thoughts to all of you in your sorrow and pray that time will bring you healing comfort..rest in peace Doc.....

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**joyce spaulding** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dr. Vreeland was a great dentist. My son was terrified of dentists untill we started seeing Dr. Vreeland. I'm very grateful for the wonderful care he gave my son.

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**Tabitha Love** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dr. Vreeland was not only a great dentist but a great man. I know that he will be greatly missed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Keith Richardson** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Aunt Betty, Tom, Gayle, Eric and the entire family--We send our payers and thoughts to you all. Uncle Ray was a truly fine and kind man. He remains in our hearts with fondness. We are so saddened by your loss.

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**Anina and Jim Henderson** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I was truly saddened to hear of Ray's passing. I knew Ray as a fellow shooter at the Syracuse Pistol Club during the 80s and 90s -- before I left the area and retired to South Carolina. I know that Ray's association with the SPC enriched his life both because of his participation in a sport he loved as well as the many friends he made in the SPC. Please know that I am sorry for your loss and wish you the very best in this difficult time.

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**Kenneth Rosenberg** - July 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM