



## Mr. Vincent Pizzi

July 2, 1924 - November 2, 2011

Vincent Pizzi

Easton: Vincent "Vince" Pizzi, 87, of Easton, MD, formerly of College Park, MD, passed away Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at Memorial Hospital at Easton.

Born on July 2, 1924 in Takoma Park, MD, he was the son of the late Verano and Brigida Pizzi.

He attended Roosevelt High School in Washington, DC. He served in WWII in the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division.

Vince found his true calling in the construction industry. After retiring as Senior Project Manager for P.F. Obrecht in Baltimore, MD, he consulted on various construction projects. Among his many memberships were the VFW, American Legion, National VP of the Rainbow Division and President of the D.C. Chapter of the Rainbow Division. He was the recipient of the "Tradition Continues Award", presented by the US Field Artillery Association.

On November 9, 1946, he married his beloved Dorothy Jane Wingrove. They were married for 53 years until her death in April of 2000. He is survived by his three children, Vernon Pizzi and his wife Sue, of Davidsonville, MD, Tricia and her husband John Green, of Swan Point, MD, and Barbie and her husband Dr. Gordon Calvert, of Oxford, MD. He is also survived by nine grandchildren: Julie Pizzi Couch (Bill), David Pizzi (Carrie), Joe Pizzi, Alyson Green Croft (Marshal), John Green (Meredith), Brittany Green, Cristina Calvert, Jessica Calvert and Drew Calvert; four great-grandchildren: Caitlyn Couch, Patrick Couch, Susie Pizzi and Wingrove Croft.

A Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton. Friends may call at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Monday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Mr. Pizzi to The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington, Payable to BGCGW Attn. Camp Brown, 4103 Benning Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20019.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Oxford Cemetery**

**NOV** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Oxford, MD,

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Easton Location  
200 South Harrison St., Easton, MD, US, 21601

**NOV** **Service** 10:30AM

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Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
1210 South Washington Street, Easton, MD, US

# Comments

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“ My favorite memories of Mr. Pizzi was witnessing the love and pride he had for his family. It was very important to him that each one of them received birthday greetings each year. Now, I am sure that his family loved receiving those birthday greetings in the mail, but I often wondered if they knew just how much time and effort, driven by his love for them, went into the preparation of each card. First of all, the right card had to be chosen. This task could take some time. At first, Mr. Pizzi could go to the store and pick out the card himself, which meant picking out beautiful cards and having to read them to him. Several cards would be read before the "right one" emerged. That was the easy part. The cards had to be prepared for mailing which included a little greeting, a gift, and an addressed envelope. This was the difficult part. Mr. Pizzi insisted on performing these preparations himself, and due to his limited eye sight, some times this process seemed endless. He would use a royal blue marker and a ruler to jot down his desired greetings. After he finished writing down his message, he would ask me to read it back to him, and it would be a struggle. Sometimes if his writing was too difficult to read, that meant having to go back to the store and purchase the same card so the message could be re-written. Writing out the gifts that accompanied each card, at times required several attempts, and with each mistake, he would mutter "oh shucks". I remember the calls to Barbie, Trisha, and Sue, making sure that he had the correct middle names of his grandchildren. I had the pleasure of receiving one of these very special greeting cards from Mr. Pizzi when I graduated from college, and I will always hold it dear to my heart, because I know the care that was put into its preparation. Mr. Pizzi will always remain in my heart because he taught me so much, but most of all, he taught me to never give up even in the face of adversity, because he never did.

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**Shirley Lake** - November 06, 2011 at 08:00 PM