



Mr. Vittorio E. Pizzola

April 27, 1940 - May 7, 2017

Mr. Vittorio E. Pizzola, "Vic," 77, of McGraw, passed away peacefully at home, Sunday May 7, 2017. Born April 27, 1940 in Roccacasale, Italy, Vic was the son of Antonio and Francesca Liberatore Pizzola and was a Cortland resident for most of his life.

Vic attended trade school in Italy to become a barber and apprenticed under the guidance of his godfather at the age of 13. By the age of fifteen he owned and operated his own barbershop. Vic immigrated to the United States at 17 and continued his trade. He worked for Joe's Barber Shop, Messenger Barber Shop and later opened the VEP Barber Shop. He was affectionately known by his customers as "Vic the Barber" for over 60 years. He truly lived by his words, "If you love what you're doing, you'll never work a day in your life."

Vic especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He embraced the role of grandpa to four grandchildren that were the light of his life. As a 25-year cancer survivor he set an example for living life with courage, strength and perseverance. Vic could always be counted on to lighten the mood with his playful sense of humor.

He had an affinity for buying and selling cars, owning some 180 cars throughout his life in America. He greatly enjoyed his motorcycles, sports cars and convertibles over the years. Vic also had a special place in his heart for

animals, finding joy in rescuing cats and dogs.

Vic is survived by his wife, Lila, who has been by his side for 50 years; and two sons; Nicholas (Susan) of Cortland and Victor (Lorrie) of Albany, two sisters; Cesaria and Elisabetta Pizzola both of Cortland, four grandchildren; Alexandria, Lukas, Sierra and Anthony; sisters- and brothers-in-laws; Carmela and Angela Pizzola, Chuck, John, Earl and Claude Cortright and Kay Simpson; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Vic was preceded in death by an infant brother, Gennaro, in Italy, and brothers Michele in 2015 and Gennaro in 2016.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Thursday from 5-8 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St. Cortland, N.Y. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made in Vic's memory to Access to Independence 26 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Nick, Susan, Lucas & Alex, I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad and grandfather. Joe

Joe Cortese - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

LK

“ Keeping you all in our prayers for comfort and strength as you go through this sad time.

Laurie and Richard Kuss - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

JK

“ Vic was a neat guy. When he started at Messenger this country boy from Virgil switched to him. Even when I moved to Florida I would try to see him when I was in town for the races.

James Knapp - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

KW

“ So very very sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers to your family.

Karen Williams - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful man. "Vic The Barber" will surely be missed by tons of people. I am sending our deepest condolences out to the family of Vic. RIP Vic

Charlotte Lockwood char - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

RG

“ We are so sad about Victor. Our thoughts and hugs and prayers are with you, Lila and family. Love, Ruth and Coco

Ruth Grunberg - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ TO THE PIZZOLA FAMILY: WE ARE VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF VICTOR. WE REMEMBER HIM FONDLY AT OUR FAMILY REUNIONS AT CARRIER PARK AND ALWAYS ENJOYED HIS LAUGHTER AND FUN SPIRIT. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. FROM THE LIBERATORE FAMILY.

IDA VANDEWALKER - May 18, 2018 at 10:49 AM