Eugene D. Vietti

GIRARD - Eugene D. Vietti, 82, of Girard, died at 2:22 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005, at Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center in Pittsburg. He had been in ill health for six months and a patient in the hospital for four days.

He was born July 11, 1922 in Pittsburg to Dominic and Santina (Castelanni) Vietti. He attended Lakeside School and was a graduate from Pittsburg High School in 1940.

He had been a resident of Girard since 1946.

He was a veteran of World War II, joining the U.S. Army in September of 1942 and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in August of 1943. After basic training he attended Officers Training School at Fort Belvoir, Va. Upon receiving his commission he was Officer in Charge of the Granite City Engineer Depot in Granite City, Ill., and then transferred to Columbus, Ohio, where he was commander of the Engineer Redistribution Center until September of 1945. He completed his service as Commanding Officer of Company B, 27th Engineer Battalion in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and training recruits. After discharge from active duty in March of 1946 he stayed in the Reserve Corp., and was Company Commander of the 326th Transportation Truck Co., Headquarter in Girard.

He married Wylma Dean Morrison on Sept. 3, 1942. She preceded him in death on Nov. 20, 1986.

He married Marilynn Lee Friggeri on Nov. 7, 1987. She survives at the home.

Following military service, he went into business with his father and two brothers John and Don at Quality Milling Company in Girard in 1946. They eventually sold the business to International Multifoods of Minneapolis.

He served as President of First National Bank of Girard from 1978 to 1992. He was Chairman of the Board of FNB in Girard from 1992 to 2005. He officially retired as chairman on Jan. 12, 2005.

Additional survivors include his son, William D. "Bill" Vietti of Chanute; one daughter, Cynthia Jo "Cindy" Miner of Fort Scott; one brother, F. Donald Vietti of Cuchara, Colo.; one step-son, Robert W. "Rob" Friggeri of Girard; two step-daughters, Leigh Ann Friggeri of Belleville, Ill., and Maressa Lynn Fowler of Girard; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bob Vietti of Yates Center; two brothers, John D. Vietti of Pittsburg and James E. Vietti of Girard; and two grandchildren, Casey Robert Gross and Bret Robert Vietti.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. today at the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Girard with Fr. Donald Thiessen as celebrant. Seating will be reserved for employers of First National Bank of Girard. Burial will be in the Girard Cemetery. Flag folding ceremonies will be conducted by the George Brown American Legion Post No. 26 of Girard.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg.

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