



## Edythe Pizzala

September 4, 2011

Pizzala, Edythe L. died at Hillcrest of Wayzata, Wayzata, Minn. on August 22, 2011 -- four years after the death of her beloved and handsome husband of 65 years, George E. Pizzala. A resident of Bloomington, Minn. for more than 53 years, Edythe was born August 12, 1923 in Fresno, Calif. to George and Anna Eurich. Edythe fondly remembered her early years growing up on an orchard farm with her 22 siblings and half-siblings. She graduated Roosevelt High School, Fresno, Calif. in 1940. Edythe had a beautiful singing voice and, along with her sisters, performed live and on the radio on many occasions. Edythe met her husband George in 1942 and it was love at first sight. They married 3 days later in Reno, Nevada. Thereafter, Edythe lived the life of an Army wife, following George to many duty stations around the world, including Japan and Europe. While stationed in Germany, Edythe organized the first Boy Scout Troop there for American military families, as well as for her own two young sons at the time, Dennis and Keith. Edythe and George settled in Bloomington, Minn. in the late 50s. In 1964, Edythe joined the Hennepin County Welfare Dept. as a Home Management Counselor. In this capacity, she taught home management skills -- such as budgeting, child care, home maintenance and nutrition -- to low income mothers. Edythe thrived in this role for 20 years and was recognized by the then State of Minnesota Governor for her successful pilot programs dealing with young unwed mothers. After retiring from the Welfare Dept. in 1985, Edythe started her own business called PIZZAZ, a consulting company that taught seniors transitional skills

needed for successful retirement. Edythe had a unique flair and artistic eye, which were expressed in many creative outlets throughout her life. She became a talented watercolor and oil painter. She designed beautiful rooms, gardens and floral arrangements. In her 70s, she started Edie's Interior & Floral Design, selling her paintings and elaborate silk flower arrangements and wreaths to local galleries and businesses. She later taught painting classes for friends and neighbors. Edythe was very outgoing and made lifelong friendships with people of all ages with whom she shared her love of gardening, cooking, antiques, music, and singing. An adventurous spirit, she was always eager to learn new hobbies and skills, whether it be tai chi, calligraphy, or making flavored olive oils and vinegars. Edythe is survived by her son, Keith (Jody), daughter, Carolynn Sherby (Jim); grandchildren, Tina Floersch, Lisa Mogler, Nicolas Pizzala, and Brielle Pizzala; and great-grandchildren, Sarina, Ashley, Antonio, Dominic and Adrianna. Another son, Dennis, preceded her in death in 1993. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be held at Washburn- McReavy Dawn Valley, 9940 Bush Lake Rd., Bloomington, MN, Thursday, Sept. 8, 4-6 PM. Memorials to [www.alzheimers.org](http://www.alzheimers.org). Share memories/thoughts [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com). Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

# Tribute Wall

NP

“ Was an amazing grandmother to 4 and great grandmother to 5. She will always be my Grandmother with the pretty flowers in the corner house with the large lawn.

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*Nick Pizzala,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Nick Pizzala** - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Edye was my friend for many years. She was so artistic and talented in many areas but most of all she was a good friend. I will miss her advice and wit. She had such an interesting life with her Papa joe. She will be missed.*

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*Mary Ottoson,*

*Stillwater, Minnesota*

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**Mary Ottoson** - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ My auntie Edie, my mentor, my friend. I always looked up to her. She brought class and sophistication to her California family. Her visits were the highlight of my growing years, listening to the stories of her clients, her adventures, her morning visits to Hotel Sofitel with her friends. It all seemed like another world to me as a young girl in awe of her auntie. I always knew I wanted to be just like her when I grew up. We remained close over the years, until life became complicated with the illness of my uncle. We communicated less often, but she remained a big part of my life. I attribute my love for decorating and entertaining to her. She taught me to be a lady. The only time I visited her in Bloomington, she took me shopping and we bought my first piece of art. I will never forget what she represented to me and how much I loved her and looked up to her. To me she was much more than my auntie, she was everything I wanted to be.....a devoted mother, loving wife and successful career woman. My auntie Edie, you will remain in my heart and in my life until we meet in heaven.

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*Gail Stoneburg,*

*Shell Beach, California*

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**Gail Stoneburg** - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I met Edie in the late 80's while I was working at the Hotel Sofitel. She gave me a large bottle of her homemade tarragon vinegar.....I still have some! what a wonderful woman. I remember going to a garage sale at her house in Bloomington where I bought some great cookware at a bargain price! great memories!

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*Priscilla Watson,*

*Robbinsdale, Minnesota*

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**Priscilla Watson** - September 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM