

## Joseph J. Vaeth

Our beloved Father, Joseph J. Vaeth, 84, of Roanoke, Va., passed away on Thursday, September 1, 2011, in Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Mr. Vaeth was born on September 2, 1927, in Rochester, N.Y., to Joseph Emil Vaeth and Margaret (Casey) Vaeth. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 55 years, Monica (McDonald) Vaeth; infant children, Peter and Agnes; son-in-law, Michael Schiefen; and by his second wife, Ann Shaver.



He is survived by his children, Karen Geyer, of Aurora, Colo., Colleen Schiefen, of Ithaca, N.Y., Joseph T. and wife, Lenora (Colleran) Vaeth, of Tucson, Ariz., Anne and husband, Peter Lizdas, of Merced, Calif., Mary and husband, Waldemar, of Mainstockheim, Germany, John Vaeth, of Roanoke, Va., Patricia and husband, William Maas, of Roanoke, Va., Michael and wife, Michelle (Moore), of Salisbury, N.C., and Monica and husband, Robert Misey, of Milwaukee, Wis.; grandchildren, Harold Geyer and wife, Tacey, Heather Geyer, Ashley Hughes and husband, Larry, Monica and husband, Geoff Van Fleet, Bill Schiefen, Joseph Vaeth and wife, Anne, Nicole and husband, Brien Kuznicki, Patrick Vaeth, Sean Vaeth, Anthony Lizdas, Theresa and Deborah Halbig, Kelley, James and Mark Vaeth, Ethan, Bill and Emily Maas, Michael, Peter and John Patrick Vaeth, and Robert, Anne Marie, Margaret Rose and John Misey; great-grandchildren, Madison and Bradley Hughes, Kennedy and Hudson Geyer, Michael and Joseph Van Fleet, and June Vaeth.

Mr. Vaeth was predeceased by his brothers, Richard V. and Thomas G.; and sister, Margaret Vaeth; and is survived by sister, Barbara Shaughnessy and husband, Frank; Patricia Scheg; Marie and husband, Art Leo; James and wife, Judy; John and wife, Margaret; Kathleen Vaeth; and Michele Vaeth, wife of Thomas G. Mr. Vaeth was born and raised in Rochester, N.Y. At the age of 17, he enlisted with his mother's permission in the Marine Corps. He served during [World War II](#) as a China Marine. Upon his return from World War II, Mr. Vaeth attended St. Bonaventure University and later graduated from the University of Rochester. He joined his father and was followed by his siblings into the family business, Atlantic Millwork. His career was in the lumber industry.

He was a member of numerous social clubs, community service groups and professional organizations throughout his career. After his retirement, he remained active in S.C.O.R.E. (Sevice Core of Retired Executives), doing tax returns for senior citizens and several other volunteer organizations. He was a long term member and supporter of St. Andrew's parish. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Andrew's Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2011. Interment will be private at a later date.

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