



## John P. "Pizzie" Romano

June 9, 1937 - December 23, 2018

John P. "Pizzie" Romano passed away on Sunday, December 23, 2018 surrounded by family at his home in Covington, LA. He was born on June 9, 1937 in Covington, LA to the late Salvador Ernest Romano and Inez Lucille Ducoing Romano.

Pizzie was married to his beloved wife, Jackie Stanga Romano, for 58 years. He was the loving father of John Peter Romano, Jr. (Heather), Lisa Maria Romano, Gia Angela Romano Baker (Robert), Jeffery Michael Romano (Kari), and Joel Christopher Romano (Allison). Pizzie was the proud grandfather of Alexis and Sophia Baker, Julia, Christopher and Nicholas Romano, Grace Romano, Reese and Rex Romano. He was the brother of the late Ernest Romano, III. Pizzie was the dear uncle of Gina Romano Ward (Pete).

Pizzie was a life-long resident of Covington, LA. He served his country in the United States Navy. Pizzie was a dedicated family man and well-respected businessman in the community. He owned the Heritage Lounge, Tugy's Bar, Pizzie's Po-boys, Romano's Grocery, and Romano's Steakhouse. He was the Director of the Brand Commission and the Assistant Director for the Horticulture Commission for the State of Louisiana. He served on the Covington City Council and the City of Covington Planning and Zoning Board. Pizzie served on the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Board of Commissioners until his death. He was a life-long member of St. Peter Catholic Church. Pizzie, along with Dr. Adrian Cairns, was a Founding Member of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Foundation.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Funeral Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church, 125 E. 19th Ave. Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at 1:00 PM with visitation from 10:00 AM until Mass time. Interment will follow the Mass at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Covington, LA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Tammany Parish Hospital Foundation, 1202 S. Tyler St., Covington, LA 70433, (985)-898-4171, [www.sthfoundation.org](http://www.sthfoundation.org). Please Share a Memory on the Tribute Wall at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory**

2280 W 21st Ave  
Covington, LA, 70433

# Events

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**DEC 29** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 01:00PM

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St. Peter Catholic Church  
125 E. 19th Street, Covington, LA, US,  
70433

**DEC 29** **Mass** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Lisa, Gia, and family

Remember the good times you all had together.  
Also, remember there are people who care.

Peace be with your family

Sincerely,  
Julie Abel



Julie Abel - January 10 at 09:51 PM

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“ Lisa, Gia, and family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of Mr. Pizzie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Mary and Ruffin Duet  
Patsy Kyte

Mary Duet - January 02 at 01:04 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Jackie and family,  
I am heartbroken over the loss of your wonderful husband and father. The years I worked at STPH, I enjoyed my friendship with Pizzie. He was such a kind, sweet gentleman. May you be comforted by the many people who loved him.  
Sincerely,  
Patti Muller



patti muller - January 02 at 09:46 AM

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“ ” Words cannot begin to express the kindness that Pizzie showed to everyone. He did so much for the community in so many ways. I truly hope the new generations in Covington Politics will follow his example. ”

**frank mcglothlin** - December 30, 2018 at 02:02 PM

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“ We were sorry to hear the news of Pizzie's passing. He will be missed by many.  
Harold & Jeannie Hanson

**Harold & Jeannie Hanson** - December 30, 2018 at 01:56 PM

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“ One of the greatest legacies for a life well lived is found in the children who follow in their fathers path. I know this man through knowing his sons. In that way, I feel I know him through their kindness, their ready smiles and their character.

**jim currie** - December 29, 2018 at 09:57 AM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of John P. "Pizzie" Romano.



December 28, 2018 at 01:34 PM

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“ As a relatively new cousin in law, I only met Pizzie a few weeks ago. Even that short period is enough for me to feel now the loss of a dear friend. It's clear he was a genuine pillar of the community. And I love the stories about how he looked after the young people who flocked to his establishments – even taking some to the Romano home to sleep it off when they'd had too many. There aren't enough people like Pizzie. Susie and I will miss him. - Brad Martin, New Orleans

**Bradley K. Martin** - December 28, 2018 at 12:28 PM

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“ As an employed physician of STPH, Mr Romano was a pleasure for which to work . He was always supportive of our endeavors in Franklinton and Folsom. We will miss him.

Dr Christopher Foret

chris foret - December 28, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ My Pizzie my heart is broken. What a wonderful spectacular man you are. The news of your passing is a shock to me, how i wish i could have seen you one last time. Rest in glorious peace and continue to make the world a better place on your heavenly throne. You are loved, missed and never to be forgotten. I cant believe i had to hear this sad news via fb. All of the love and respect for you always and forever. Love you bunches. Katie, Adam and Bella boo

Katherine - December 31, 2018 at 02:38 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John P. "Pizzie" Romano.



December 28, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ Peace for his family at such a sad time. Thinking of you Joel. ~Tara Holliday Paille



Tara Paille - December 27, 2018 at 11:59 PM



“ The Martini Tour just made an online donation in memory of Pizzie to the St. Tammany Hospital Foundation. Though we now reside in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and Florida, the Florida Parishes (Mandeville, Covington, Abita Springs, and Hammond) will always be home. Many of us worked during college years at the Heritage, and ALL of us did significant time there. Man, if those walls could talk.

We expect our previously departed "Class President" Don Hanemann has already joined Pizzie for Heaven's version of Happy Hour. I'm certain Ernie Romano will join them as well, and hopefully the pot is finally "right" from Bouree shortages from College days of yesteryear.

On behalf of the remaining members of the Martini Tour (Mike Dobson, Mike Stanga, Mike Newfield, Bill Bratton, Steve Cochran, and Lee Stuart) we would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Jackie and the entire family. Pizzie played a significant role in most of our lives, and probably kept most of us from getting our butts kicked on many different occasions. I probably still have an open bar tab that needs to be settled. I'm also certain that when I was young, dumb, and single, there might have been a couple of drinks passed to a chickadillio or two that may not have hit the Heritage cash register. The fringe benefits and youthful justification of working behind the bar where tips NEVER happened.

John P. "Pizzie" Romano, may you rest in eternal peace.

The Martini Tour  
By: Mike Dobson

**M Dobson** - December 27, 2018 at 06:07 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Romano family. It was a pleasure to know Pizzie for so many years. He will be missed by us all.



**Jerry King** - December 27, 2018 at 05:11 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear the news of your father's passing . He was outstanding member of St. Tammany and Covington and will be dearly missed

**Dorethea ( Dori) Cox** - December 27, 2018 at 04:30 PM

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“ Jay - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I remember him as such a kind and loving person whom his family and others adored. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. ~MaryNell Stram



**MaryNell Stram** - December 27, 2018 at 02:03 PM

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“ Even though Pizzie was a couple of years younger than I, it is with fond remembrance that I recall what a wonderfully warm and friendly sense of humor that he had when we were students at Covington High School. A thoroughly nice guy, Pizzie was loved by everyone who knew him, including our teachers.

I was very pleased, but not surprised, to read about all his many important accomplish-  
ments after he became a man.

Sending my sincere condolences to his loving family. and praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit to embrace each one of them. I am Mary Core Abell, Dallas, TX

**Mary Core Abell** - December 27, 2018 at 01:13 PM

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“ EBM Medical Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John P. "Pizzie" Romano.



**EBM Medical Family** - December 27, 2018 at 12:47 PM

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“ Mike and I loved him. One of Mike's best friends. He was one of a kind and with Jackie by his side raised a wonderful family. He will be so missed.

**Betty Cronin** - December 27, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John P. "Pizzie" Romano.



December 27, 2018 at 10:03 AM

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“ DonnaLee Kubancsek lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**DonnaLee Kubancsek** - December 27, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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“ Pizzie was much loved and will always live in so many many memories. My thoughts are with you all. Leslie Ann Bogran

**Leslie Bogran** - December 27, 2018 at 09:00 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John P. "Pizzie" Romano.



December 27, 2018 at 08:55 AM

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“ Such a wonderful man with a wonderful smile. Condolences to the Romano family.



**Kay Newman** - December 27, 2018 at 12:07 AM

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“ Condolences, dear Romano family, on your heavy loss. xoxoxo



**Kathryn Lanier** - December 26, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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“ This good bye is a hard one. Love you pizzie always did alway will. God bless my dear buddy

**joey stanga** - December 26, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ Much Love and Prayers for all the Family  
From The family of Nick Plescia

**K. Plescia** - December 26, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ I will miss you my friend... prayers for your family..

**jim lee** - December 26, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ He will be missed. He was an amazing man. He touched so many lives.

**Paula Day** - December 27, 2018 at 08:44 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Ms. Jackie and the family. Pizzie was such a kind and caring friend to me and my family. We will miss him.

**Patti Elish** - December 26, 2018 at 03:42 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family. May God give you all peace and comfort. Mr. Pizzie was a very nice man. Prayers sent.

**Danielle Bordelon Williams** - December 26, 2018 at 02:42 PM

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“ Jackie, we were so sad to hear of your losing Pizzie. He was a fine man. You are in our hearts and know that Our Lord and Savior will wrap his arms around you. We send our love to you and your Family. May God Bless You All, Glen and Dolores Shoultz



**Glen and Dolores Shoultz** - December 26, 2018 at 02:30 PM

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“ Such a friendly and hard working citizen. We will miss his dedicated service to St Tammany Hospital. Dear friend, dedicated servant, and missed by all who knew him.

**Susannecore** - December 26, 2018 at 12:45 PM

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“ I will always remember our prayer times together at STPH. In our last prayer he blessed me; My prayers are with Jackie and the kids, what a wonderful family... so many memories.....Chaplain Mike Binnings

**Mike Binnings** - December 26, 2018 at 06:01 AM

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“ Jackie and family, Mary and I offer our sincerest condolences and prayers. As you know, what ailed Pizzie, ails me and I hope to be able to attend services depending on my health. He will be sorely missed.

**Gary Achee** - December 26, 2018 at 01:59 AM

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“ Debbie Anthony sent a virtual gift in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Debbie Anthony** - December 25, 2018 at 11:21 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss Romano family. Mr Pizzie was such a great inspiration of Covington and was loved and admired by young & old. You helped make many memories for lots of people in Covington especially in Tugy's bar.  
RIP Mr Pizzie

Grief never ends...But it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor lack of faith...it is the price of love  
Unknown Author

Lots of love from the Cachia, Russell, Spalt & Toomer families.

**Emily Spalt** - December 25, 2018 at 06:23 PM

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“ Andree Champagne lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Andree Champagne** - December 25, 2018 at 08:35 AM

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“ Ted Preis lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Ted Preis** - December 24, 2018 at 10:27 PM

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“ Diane Gallo Frosch lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Diane Gallo Frosch** - December 24, 2018 at 06:38 PM

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“ We were neighbors for a long time and I will never forget my Dad pushing Mr. Pizzie around in a wheelbarrow. Great memories. Great man. He will be missed.

**karen celestin** - December 24, 2018 at 06:03 PM

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“ Wally & Julie Cummings lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Wally & Julie Cummings** - December 24, 2018 at 06:01 PM

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“ My condolences to the family and to the old Covington community. We have lost another of our leading citizens. RIP, Mr. Pizzie. You were a good mama d an asset to your community.

**alfred rhody blossom 3** - December 24, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ Good man, and an asset to your community.

Sorry for the typo.

**alfred rhody blossom 3** - December 24, 2018 at 05:50 PM

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“ Pizzie, Lisa, & Gia. I'm am so very sorry for your loss. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to all!!

**Ellie Gottschalck** - December 24, 2018 at 05:01 PM

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“ Donna Jenkins lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Donna Jenkins** - December 24, 2018 at 04:27 PM

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“ Pizzie, Lisa and Gia - your Father was the centerpiece for so many in the Covington area and beyond. He will be missed! May he rest peacefully. Love - Suzette Lipford

**Suzette Lipford** - December 24, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ Melinda Galloway Hulsey lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



Melinda Galloway Hulsey - December 24, 2018 at 02:45 PM

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“ This wonderful family was instrumental in bringing Donald and I together about 37 years ago. Hugs to you all during this time.

Amy Bordelon - December 24, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Pizzie's death. He was certainly a great man, gave a lot of service to Covington while serving on the City Council. Prayers for his family.

Kathleen Montgomery - December 24, 2018 at 05:58 PM

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“ Elaine M Eckols lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



Elaine M Eckols - December 24, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ I went to see "Pizzie" Dec. 20, as always, he was more concerned about me and my 18 year Maltese. He knew how hard it was to let him go. But that was the 1st question he asked, was I ok. I really will miss him.

Elaine M Eckols - December 24, 2018 at 02:35 PM

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“ Pizzie was a wonderful, wonderful person and the best boss anyone could ever have!!! I will cherish him forever.

Beverly Jones - December 24, 2018 at 01:45 PM

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“ Pizzie will always be remembered so fondly! What a wonderful man! My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this very very sad time. The memories he has left all will be cherished.



**Pam Stafford** - December 24, 2018 at 01:11 PM

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“ Debbie Varnado lit a candle in memory of John P. "Pizzie" Romano



**Debbie Varnado** - December 24, 2018 at 01:08 PM

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“ Pizzie will be missed by all of us who knew and loved him. Another Covington icon has passed. What great memories we have of Pizzie, from the days of the Heritage, the City council, and member of the Board of St. Tammany Parish Hospital. Our thoughts and Prayers for Jackie and the Romano family.

**Bill Dobson and Family** - December 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ My Mom and Dad loved Mr. Pizzie. I heard many stories of their childhood adventures. This special bond continued throughout their lives. Your family has always had a special place in our hearts. Keeping you all in prayer during this difficult time.

**Julie Sambola** - December 24, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ My prayers to the family of this wonderful man, we have all been touched by him in some way. Emmett and I enjoyed him and listening to his stories, he had many! Another Covington legend gone. RIP dear Pizzie.

Debbie Steinhauer

**Debbie Steinhauer** - December 27, 2018 at 02:58 PM