



## Paul A. Pietsch

August 8, 1929 - November 26, 2009

Paul A. Pietsch, Ph.D., 80, retired Professor Emeritus of Optometry at the I.U. School of Optometry died on Thursday, Nov.26, 2009 at Bloomington Hospital. He was born in New York City the son Elwood and Bridget (McDonnell) on August 8, 1929.

An Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Paul credited the GI Bill for providing him with the means to an education. He received his B.S. in Zoology from Syracuse University and a Ph. D. in Anatomy from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Pietsch was world renowned for his teaching and mentoring to thousands of students, publishing nearly 100 articles and winning numerous awards, including 12 awards for outstanding teaching. Some of the publications that recognized Dr. Pietsch included Quest, Harpers Magazine, Science Digest as well as many periodicals. He was also interviewed by the television media including "60 Minutes", "Television Francais" and the Canadian National Radio broadcasts.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle (Miller) Pietsch of Bloomington, sons Samuel H. (Kathleen) Pietsch of Dearborn, MI, Benjamin E. (Cheryl) Pietsch of Chambersburg, PA, step-sopn Geoffrey L. (Sharron) Hewston, Au Sable Forks, N.Y. and daughters Mary T. (Andrew)Alexander, Abigail L. Pietsch and Mary K. Wheeler, all of Bloomington, grandchildren; Kate E. Pietsch, Jeffrey Pietsch, Sean (Jennifer Scott) Randall and Ian Randall, step-grandchildren; Jacquelyn (James) Girardin, Christopher (Sharon) Hewston, and Jessica

(Brandon) Maliezewski, great grandchild Aila Scott Randall and step-great grandchildren; James and Jessica Girardin, Emilee, Ethan and Grace Hewston, Aden Scott and Henry Maliezewski. Also surviving are his sister, Anna (Alfred Battle of Spring Hill, Fl, brother Robert (Joann) Pietsch of little Egg Harbor, N.J. and brother-in-law, Louis Vanacore, of Little Egg Harbor, N.J. and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Evelyn Vanacore and beloved family members Nana and DeDe.

Private family services will be conducted at Clear Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bloomington Hospital Hospice and Home Health Care, P.O. Box 1149, Bloomington, IN 47402.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

TO

“ *Dr. Pietsch taught me Histology during my time at I.U. I am color blind to some degree which made the class difficult. His instruction and guidance was most appreciated. As I was reviewing my days' charts the Doctor came into my mind for some reason. I am sorry to learn he passed. Best wishes to the family. He was a great teacher !!!*  
*Troy Crist*

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**Troy Crist O.D.** - September 10, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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**Benjamin Pietsch** - December 28, 2017 at 12:19 PM

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*IU professor, Dr. Paul Pietsch, is standing next to his wife Myrtle. His son, Sam, and daughter-in-law, Cheryl (Ben's wife) are also in this photo.*

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**Benjamin Pietsch** - December 28, 2017 at 04:24 PM

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**Benjamin Pietsch** - December 28, 2017 at 12:18 PM

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*Professor Paul Pietsch is next to his wife, Myrtle, and daughter-in-law Cheryl in this photo.*

Benjamin Pietsch - December 28, 2017 at 04:25 PM

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“ Benjamin Pietsch lit a candle in memory of Paul A. Pietsch



Benjamin Pietsch - December 28, 2017 at 12:17 PM

CH

“ To my Uncle Paul, big brother to my dad, sleep well. Please give grandma a kiss from me.

Chris Pietsch - October 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

AB

“ I would like to thank everyone for the support during this time. Best Wished to all. Ab

Abby Pietsch - October 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

WE

“ So very sorry for your loss, you and your family will be in my thoughts.

Wendi Pemberton - October 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

CA

“ *My heart and thought's are with you.  
Condolences from My family and myself.*

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**Carol Pemberton** - October 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

SA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family during this difficult time.*

*Sandy Long, Alan, and Alex Rusnak*

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**sandy long** - October 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM

RO

“ *Our heart goes out to you.*

*The Hamros Family*

*Rob*

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**Rob Hamros** - October 26, 2015 at 04:37 PM