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It's a trade he learned from his father who learned it from an uncle. His father, Catino Vizzini, opened the Farmington shop in 1959 and retired a couple of years later, leaving it to his son Michael.

Since then, Mr. Vizzini has been consulting from Allen Park. He was known for irregular business hours. When it was time for lunch or a break, he simply closed up shop, leaving a note on the door.

Quite often Mr. Vizzini could be found at the Old Village Inn, a restaurant and bar a few doors down Grand River, on those breaks.

"He'd sit and have a chat," said John Cowley, Old Village Owner. "We're going to miss him. He was a good friend. If I needed to go to the bank, I'd say, 'Hey Mike, watch the bar for a minute.' And he would."

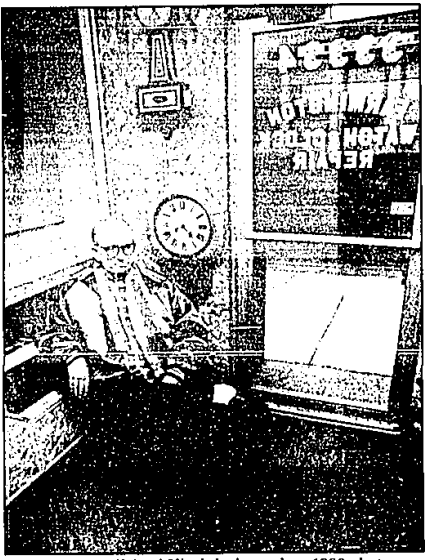
Mr. Vizzini was adamant about one thing: His children would not follow him into the business.

"It's a craft, and today crafts don't pay off," he said in a 1979 Farmington Observer story. "In the crafts, there is no way you can have volume and quality at the same time. And today, the world is all quantity."

His son Michael, for example, visited the shop many Saturdays, but knew he'd never inherit the business. Instead, he became an engineer, as did his brother, Anthony.

Survivors include his wife, Leon; sons, Michael and Vissanti; and Anthony of Maryland; daughter, Catina of New Hampshire; mother, Emelia of Livonia; mother-in-law, Jean Mitra of Detroit; sister, Phyllis Serefa of Livonia; and five grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 21 at the Mor-



Marking time: Michael Vizzini, shown in a 1990 photo, sits in his Farmington Watch & Clock Repair in downtown Farmington.

tenson Funeral Home in Allen Park. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Leukemia Fund of Michigan.

OBITUARIES

**DOROTHY A. RALSTON**  
Mrs. Ralston, 68, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 18 in Providence Hospital.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Ralston was a buyer in the automotive industry.

Surviving is her husband, Leonard.

Services were Aug. 21 at the Heery-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George Hawk officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

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**ANITA E. MOUNTFORD**  
Mrs. Mountford, 80, of Farmington died Aug. 18 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Flint, Mrs. Mountford was a homemaker. She was a former member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include her sons, William and Robert; daughter, Pam Oikarinen; sister, Marlan Smar; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 22 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Douglas Klein of Grace Chapel officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

Memorials may be made to World Impact, c/o 2001 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90007.

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**GARY W. GEARHART**  
Mr. Gearhart, 45, of St. Johns, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 18.

Born in DuBois, Pa., he was a graduate of Michigan State Univer-

sity with bachelor's and master's degrees. He was a teacher in the Lansing Public Schools for 5 1/2 years and in the Detroit Public Schools for 1/4 a year.

Mr. Gearhart was an active member of the First Congregational Church in St. Johns. He taught Sunday and Bible school and held various offices in the Central Michigan Association of Congregational Christian Churches. He served on the boards of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Good Samaritan of C.C. Inc. and Lions Club, and was leader for adult foster care at the Senior Center and Bible study at Sun Tree Apartments.

Mr. Gearhart served in the U.S. Army on active duty for two years and active reserve for seven years.

Survivors include his wife, Diane; a daughter, Kaylene; parents, William and Maxine Gearhart of Farmington Hills; sisters, Sandra Jenkinson and Pamela Clark.

Services were Aug. 22 at the First Congregational Church, St. Johns. Burial was in South Bingham Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Jay M. TerBush and the Rev. Hugh Bannings officiating.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church or Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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**MALCOLM J. MACLEOD**  
Mr. MacLeod, 81, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 19 in Harper Hospital.

Born in Detroit, Mr. MacLeod was self-employed.

Survivors include his daughter, Cheryl Patterson; and six grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Aug. 22 at

St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Gerald A. McEnhill officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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**TAMARA A. BEHRY**  
Tamara Behry, 36, of Plymouth, formerly of Farmington Hills, died in a plane crash in northern Michigan Aug. 1.

Born in Ft. Benning, Ga., she was starting her own counseling service. She was a 1974 graduate of North Farmington High School and a graduate of Spring Arbor College.

Survivors include her daughter, Lanette; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sterling; sister, Sylvia; brother, Kyrin.

Services were Aug. 10 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Brian Wingenroth of Farmington Hills Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Gresham Cemetery, northwest of Charlotte, Mich.

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**BRENTON BEHRY**  
Brenton Behry, 2, died with his mother, Tamara Behry, in a plane crash in northern Michigan's Frederic Township Aug. 1.

Survivors include his father, David Perry; sisters, Jamie and Lanette.

Services were Aug. 10 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Brian Wingenroth of Farmington Hills Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Gresham Cemetery, northwest of Charlotte, Mich.

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