



Delphine S. Skiba

December 17, 1926 - February 22, 2017

Delphine S. (Adamski) Skiba, 90, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at JGS Lifecare of Longmeadow, with her loving family at her side. Born December 17, 1926, daughter of the late Anthony and Victoria (Leonowicz) Adamski, she was an eighty year resident of Springfield before relocating to Wilbraham ten years ago. While living in Springfield, Delphine was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, and was very active in various parish committees, including as past president of the school's PTA. She was a member and officer of both the Polish Women's Alliance, Group 422, and the Junior League. She continued her devotion as a communicant of St. Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham. After graduating from Rider College, Del worked as a medical assistant for Dr. Martin Gaynor until devoting herself to raising her family. She became the loving mother of five children, providing them with a guided, firm and lasting foundation of family, faith and country, along with devoting herself to the raising, caring for, and sharing of their joys and sorrows. She returned to the workforce, to balance family and career, first assisting at Our Lady of the Rosary School, then becoming a teacher there. When the parish school closed, she continued her thirty three year diocesan career at St. Stanislaus School, Chicopee. Her passion for teaching American History led to her return to school to earn a second degree from Elms College. During her tenure, Del became the vice-principal of St. Stanislaus School and a key member of the faculty team that developed the then non-graded teaching system there. This progressive program allowed students to advance according to their ability, ensuring all students met standards to succeed and opportunities to excel. Del was awarded the Teacher-of-the-Year Award and treasured the opportunity to be a positive influence on the teachers she worked with, and the hundreds of children in the Springfield diocese that still know her as "Mrs. Skiba". Delphine was predeceased in 1988 by her beloved husband of thirty nine years, Edward F. Skiba; in 2010 by her daughter, Maryhelene Phelan; and in 2015 by her great-granddaughter, Savannah Myrick. She is survived by her loving children, Edward Skiba and wife Lucja, Laura Muryani and husband Fred, Robert Skiba and wife Sara, and Catherine Skiba and husband Michael Downey. Her greatest joy has been sharing the happiness of her precious grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Joshua Skiba and wife Karin, and their children Lowden and Maggie; Rachel Williams and husband Mike, and their children, John

and Eva; Adam Skiba and wife Samantha, and their sons Aiden, Devon, and Cameron; Mariah Myrick and husband Justin, and their daughter Izabella; Nathan Skiba; Jeremy Skiba; Rebecca Skiba; Margaret Muryani; Christopher Muryani; and Robert Downey. She will be missed by her siblings, Eugenie Kuczarski, Helene Szewczyk and Antoinette (Toshi) Pieniazek. She also leaves a huge extended family of nieces and nephews, their spouses and children whom she also loved. Delphine was predeceased by her brothers Edwin, Eligio, and Norbert Adamski, and son-in-law, Bennett Phelan. Delphine's family would like to offer special thanks to Sophie Pyszcz for her loving care, and for the care and compassion given by Greater Springfield Senior Services and Caring Solutions. Funeral services will be held Monday at 10AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12 Noon in St. Cecilia's Church, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee. Calling hours are Sunday from 3-6PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-
800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA,

Events

FEB 26 **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street, Chicopee, MA, US, 01013

FEB 27 **Service** 12:00PM

St. Cecilia Church
42 Main St., Wilbraham, MA, US