



Genowefa Kochanek

October 5, 1921 - May 12, 2020

Genowefa (Boryczka) Kochanek, 98, succumbed to the coronavirus on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at Life Care Center of Wilbraham. Born in Swarzew, Poland on October 5, 1921, daughter of the late Michal and Katarzyna (Kowal) Boryczka, her mother died at an early age and she was raised by her beloved grandmother, Kunegunda Boryczka. Genowefa survived the German invasion and occupation of Poland during World War II. She was a devoted communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. Genowefa's faith was a very important part of her life. She was a remarkable woman with many talents. She loved to sing. She was an excellent seamstress. She worked at Chicopee Coat Company, Emilie's Bridal Shop, and other garment companies. She loved politics and was looking forward to the 2020 Presidential election. Genowefa kept a meticulous home and tended to her beautiful flowers and vegetable gardens. She greatly enjoyed cooking (her pierogi and golombki were outstanding) and baking. Genowefa was predeceased in 2001 by her beloved husband, John Kochanek, and is survived by her loving children, Halina Kochanek and husband Joseph Masse of Byron, GA, Andrew Kochanek and wife Marianne of Suffield, CT, and Sophie Davenport and husband Donald of Hampden, MA; cherished grandchildren, Lauren Mastrangelo and husband Nicholas, Tania Davenport, John Davenport and wife Victoria, Krystyna Brown and husband Jason, and great-grandchildren Delilah, Lillian and Ezra. She also leaves her loving nephews Stanislaw Banerski and wife Janina, Alfred Bania and wife Stasia, Joe Boryczka and wife Kazia, Ryszard Bania, and nieces Janina Ciepiela, Krystyna Plachno and Zofia Gaj. Funeral services and burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery will be held privately. Donations in memory of Genowefa may be made to Basilica of St. Stanislaus, 566 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 or Ministry of Care, Basilica of St Stanislaus, 566 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Cemetery

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

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Chicopee, MA, 01013