



## Lorraine F. Wojcik

April 22, 1927 - June 28, 2017

CHICOPEE, Mass. - - Lorraine Frances Wojcik, who hosted countless family gatherings in her tiny Ellen Street kitchen with a charming blend of feistiness and a soft touch, died June 28, 2017 in Agawam with her family by her side. She was 90.

A lifetime resident of Chicopee, Lorraine – or just Baci, as she came to be known by loved ones – was born the eldest of three siblings on April 22, 1927 to Leo Lauzier and Stella Roginski.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Barbara Ledford (Herb) of Lake City, Fl., and her four loving children: David of Enfield, Conn.; Kathleen Reed (Donald) of Brimfield, Mass.; John (Donna) of Springfield, Mass.; and Michael (Darlene) of Richfield, Minn. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and eight nieces and nephews. Lorraine is predeceased by late husband, Joseph John Wojcik, her brother, Robert, and his wife, Flo, of Chicopee, as well as her daughter-in-law, Janet (David) of Enfield.

Lorraine graduated from Chicopee High School in 1945 and married Joseph, her husband and “sweetheart” of 61 years, in 1947.

Lorraine raised four children on Ellen Street, where Joseph’s bountiful garden gave way each summer to extended canning sessions that kept the family in tomatoes and beets until spring.

Petite but tough, Lorraine was fiercely devoted to her family and remained at home with her children but for a couple of years working as an operator at the Bell Telephone Company.

Baci’s second-floor kitchen was the epicenter of family holiday celebrations, where generations of Wojciks ate pierogis and borscht in shifts, elbow to elbow, on Christmas Eve. Her kitchen was – in her words – her “home base,” a wholesome safe place for family and friends to find an encouraging hug or helping hand no matter how old they were or how long they’d been away.

Visitors to Ellen Street were often met with the aroma of homemade food simmering on the stove and scraps of fabric and thread on the table from her latest project. Never one to sit idle, Lorraine sewed all her own clothes. And it was from her kitchen that she practiced and instilled in her extended family her belief in the Golden Rule.

Beyond family, sewing and cooking, Lorraine enjoyed reading novels, collecting butterfly

trinkets, trying her luck with scratch tickets and spending a week each summer at Hampton Beach. N.H.

She treated her late cats Kitty Cat and Cody and her poodle Buddee as cherished members of the family.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, August 26th from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front Street, Chicopee followed by a mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am at St. Stanislaus Basilica on Front Street, Chicopee. Burial will follow. Lorraine will be laid to rest beside Joseph at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Chicopee. Calling hours are Saturday, August 26th from 8:30-9:30AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, MA Chapter, 264 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104.

# Cemetery

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

# Events

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**AUG 26 Visitation 08:30AM - 09:30AM**  
Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street, Chicopee, MA, US, 01013

**AUG 26 Service 10:00AM**  
St. Stanislaus Basilica\_  
566 Front St., Chicopee, MA, US

# Comments

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“ Kathleen Reed lit a candle in memory of Lorraine F. Wojcik



**Kathleen Reed** - August 24, 2017 at 05:03 PM