



## Maria Elizabeth Kazimierczak

February 3, 1940 - September 25, 2020

Maria Elizabeth (Tkacz) Kazimierczak, 80, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 25, 2020 at Baystate Medical Center, with her loving family at her side. Born in Jaroslaw, Poland on February 3, 1940, daughter of the late Joseph and Ludmila (Gajerska) Tkacz, she was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. Maria was a member of the Junior Polish League. She recently retired after many years of service for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, initially for the Holyoke Welfare Department, where she made many lifelong friends and then with MassHealth. She stood and spoke at the White House during immigration reform and was the State Union representative of her local chapter as President. If you were blessed enough to know Maria, you knew she tremendously enjoyed all music from Elvis to The Doors. She led the singing for the Junior Polish League for many years for the celebration of her beloved Wigilia (Christmas Eve). Maria remained so proud of her Polish heritage after immigrating to America at the age of 16. She often boasted of her father who was a Captain in the Polish Army and who was a veteran of World War II. The shining star in her heart was her mother, whose legacy she carried on with her volunteer work with immigration, Polish translation, kindness and generosity. She loved the oceans of the world from the Baltic Sea to Niantic, CT. She volunteered for many years at St. Stanislaus School including leading the fundraising effort to rebuild the school after it was burned in a fire, as well as, playing Mrs. Santa Claus for the school children at the holiday events. Maria's personal pride was her home and garden where she created an oasis filled with love, that she shared with anyone who knew her. Maria is survived by her loving daughters, Catherine Michael Russo of East Longmeadow, Donna Marie Angus and husband Sean Gordon Angus of Framingham, and Elissa Ludmila Antilles of FL; eight cherished grandchildren, Brittany Elizabeth Hathaway, Lauren Marie Russo, Kallan Victoria Angus, Lily Marie Russo, Connor Joseph Angus, Nolan Richard Angus, Kasia Maria Russo and Rio Jozef Antilles; treasured great-grandson, Elliott; and best friend of more than sixty years, Mary Blanchette and husband Serge. Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial for Maria on Friday at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to the Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or 855-448-3997.



# Cemetery

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## St. Stanislaus Cemetery

800 Montgomery St.

Chicopee, MA, 01013

# Events

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**OCT**   **Mass**   10:00AM

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St. Stanislaus Basilica\_

566 Front St., Chicopee, MA, US

# Comments

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“ Anna Lekarczyk sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria Elizabeth Kazimierczak



anna lekarczyk - September 29, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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“ Cathy, Lisa, & Donna I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful, wonderful Mom!!!! I always had a great time growing up and spending time at your house..... Love you Maryann Reilly Porter

Maryann Porter - September 29, 2020 at 07:17 PM

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“ Anna Lekarczyk lit a candle in memory of Maria Elizabeth Kazimierczak



anna lekarczyk - September 29, 2020 at 05:50 PM