



## Barbara M. Skiba

August 24, 1931 - May 1, 2026

Barbara Mary (Brooks) Skiba, 94, passed away peacefully at Baystate Medical Center on May 1, 2026, surrounded by her family. Born on August 24, 1931, only child and daughter of the late Frank P. and Mary J. (Maciolek) Brooks, she was a lifelong Chicopee resident. Barbara was a lifelong and devoted parishioner of St. Stanislaus Basilica. She was educated at Holy Name School of Chicopee, was primarily a housewife but returned to work as the manager of Putnam Card and Gift Shop of Springfield retiring in 1996.

Barbara

enjoyed crossword puzzles and watching her daily SOAP opera and game shows. Barbara provided undying love and support to her children and grandchildren. She was quiet and shy but had tremendous inner-strength. Barbara suffered many personal losses during her lifetime but refused to let those events define her and maintained a positive and supportive attitude. It is difficult to say goodbye but the knowledge that she is once again with the love of her life, Carl, provides solace. As she had engraved on her husband's headstone, "love was love and never to be forgotten". Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Carl S. Skiba, Jr., in May of 1974, and by her son, Wallace Skiba, in 1990. She is survived by her two sons, Daniel Skiba and Mark Skiba; two grandchildren, Benjamin and Olivia; and cousin, Norma Morrison. Calling hours for Barbara will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 from 8:45AM-10:15AM at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica.

Committal and burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Palliative Care Services, Baystate Health, 759 Chestnut St, Springfield, MA 01199.

# Cemetery Details

## St Stanislaus Cemetery

Chicopee, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 8:45 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica  
Chicopee, MA