



Benedict S. Stokowski

August 27, 2016

Benedict Stanley Stokowski, 91, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on August 27, 2016. He was born in Chicopee Falls, MA to the late Adam and Helena (Przybylowicz) Stokowski. As a young boy he worked in his father's bakery, the former Independence Bakery. He was also employed by Indian Motorcycle and H.L. Handy's. Ben's true spirit was manifested by his service for his country as a US Army World War II veteran, serving in France, Germany and Austria. As a PFC he earned the Sharpshooter Rifle medal. He also proudly served the city of Chicopee as a firefighter for thirty years, where he continually risked his life to save the lives of others. A communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Ben enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling, gardening, listening to Polka music, and watching the Red Sox. Ben leaves the love of his life, Gladys (Kowal) Stokowski, with whom he celebrated seventy years of marriage. Ben and Gladys shared a love of traveling extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, family parties, card playing and their many fun trips to the casino. He was Vice President of the Polish American Veterans and a member of the Mass Retired Police and Firefighters Assn., Inc. Ben is predeceased by his beloved son, Thomas Stokowski. He is survived by his loving daughters, Mary Jane Tobin and her husband James of Florence, and Teresa Picard and her husband David of Chicopee; and daughter-in-law Patti McGuinness of Florence. Ben was adored by his grandchildren, Nathan, Rebecca, Kara, Melissa, Alexander, Emily and

Colleen. He also leaves his precious great-grandchildren, Max, Harper and Weston. Ben was predeceased by his brothers, Adam, Edward, Edmund, Thaddeus, Henry and Leopold Stokowski, and his sisters, Helen Szukala and Lola Gruszczynski. He is survived by his sister, Doris Scott of Palmer, and brother Wilfred Stokowski of Chicopee; and by his many nieces and nephews with whom he enjoyed countless family events. A special thank you to Dr. Smitha Iyer for many years of caring. Funeral services for Ben will be held Thursday at 9AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4-7PM. His family requests that memorial contributions be made in his memory to St. Stanislaus Basilica, 566 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013 or Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 592-9256
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

Service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to you and the entire family. I will be thinking of you all and keeping you in my prayers. Big Hugs, Sonya*

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