



## Blanche M. Partyka

June 9, 1938 - February 14, 2021

Blanche M. Partyka, 82, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at Baystate Medical Center. The second of three daughters born to the late Peter and Valentina (Michalek) Partyka, her home birth on June 9, 1938 was not easy. She always said she had a difficult time coming into this world and would have a difficult time getting out. With extended family present at her birth, her aunt Mabel Michalek and uncle Walter Partyka became instant godparents as the priest baptized the baby "Bronislawa". People, education, principle and faith in God were the four pillars of her life. A graduate of Chicopee High School, Blanche was a devoted communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. She earned her Bachelor's Degree at Bryant College, where she was named Outstanding Female Athlete, among other honors. Blanche retired from Hamilton Standard after thirty-four years of service, where she served as executive secretary to the Director of Engineering. She later became the administrative manager for the Tambrands Career Center, and then administrative manager for DBM's DEC Career Center in West Springfield. She was very active for many years in the National Secretaries Assn. (Hartford Chapter), where she served on the executive board and co-chaired the Northeast District Conference edition of their monthly magazine. Blanche was vocal about politics and her stance in that arena. She never shied away from a debate. She greatly enjoyed solving crossword puzzles and was known to be an avid shopper. Besides her parents, Blanche was predeceased in 2016 by her sister, Irene B. Partyka,

and in 2018 by her sister, Elaine M. Partyka. She is survived by several cousins, devoted friends, Jim and Mary Netkovick, and caring friends, Paul, and Sheila. Calling hours for Blanche will be held Friday from 8:15-9:45AM at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sr. Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew St., PO Box 9012, Springfield, MA 01102 or the St. Stanislaus Church Elevator Fund, 566 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

# Cemetery Details

## St Stanislaus Cemetery

Chicopee, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 8:15 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
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## Mass

FEB 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica  
Chicopee, MA