



Edward J. Polchlopek, Sr.

January 24, 1921 - December 22, 2013

Edward J. "Springy" Polchlopek, Sr., 92, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 22, 2013 at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. Born January 24, 1921, the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Skrzniarz) Polchlopek, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. A US Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, served with the 1417th Air Unit in the European Theatre of War and received the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon. Springy was a machinist for the Moore Drop Forge Co. retiring in 1983. He was an excellent car mechanic and a master of all trades for family, friends and neighbors. He was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr and a member of the American Legion Post 452, Tigers AC and the Knights of St. Stanislaus. Springy is survived by his beloved wife of seventy years, Esther F. (Gwozdz) Polchlopek; three loving children, Frances M. Smith, of Springfield, Edward J. Polchlopek, Jr. and his fiancée Jane Lewandowski, of Chicopee and Sandra P. Gilbert and her husband Bruce, of Auburn, NH; four cherished grandchildren, Christopher Gilbert and his wife Nichole, Jeffrey Gilbert and his wife Amy, Edward J. Polchlopek III, and Katherine Costello and her husband Brian; five cherished great grandchildren, Abigail Gilbert, Beckett Gilbert, Jacob Gilbert, Colby Gilbert and Ashley Costello; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Evan Smith and three sisters, Jennie Skiba, Helen Ossolinski and Melanie Petraitis. The family would like to thank the staff of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and Noble Hospice for their care and kindness given to Springy. Funeral services will be held Friday morning

from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St. Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday morning from 9-10:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040 or Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services, 77 Mill St., Westfield, MA 01085 or St. Stanislaus Basilica Ministry of Care, 566 Front St. Chicopee, MA 01013.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
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Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall



“ *He was the best father and man anyone could ever hope for. We miss you Dad.* ”

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