



Captain Edward J. Rojowski

September 12, 1926 - August 24, 2013

Edward J. Rojowski, 86, retired Captain of the Chicopee Police Department, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at Baystate Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Born on September 12, 1926, son of the late Bertha Pasek, he was raised and schooled in Chicopee and has resided in South Hadley and Florida. A communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Ed was a graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1944. He continued his education at Holyoke Community College where he earned his Associated Degree. Ed was a US Marine Corps veteran of World War II, serving his country in the American Theater of Operations. Ed was a Chicopee Police Officer for thirty-three years, appointed on October 13, 1949, and retired as Captain of the Detective Bureau in 1982. An active contributor to his community, Ed served his parish as a member of its Holy Name Society. He was past president of the Chicopee Police Association and a member of the MA Police Association, MA Retired Police and Firefighters, MA Chiefs of Police Association, and FBI National Academy Associates. He was past Exalted Ruler of Chicopee Lodge of Elks, 1849, and a member of Knights of Columbus, Council 4044, American Legion Post 266 of Granby, and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. Ed was an avid golfer and tennis player, and enjoyed fishing and gardening with his grandchildren. Ed was predeceased in 2007 by his beloved daughter, Karen Holmes, and in 2008 by his beloved daughter-in-law, Sara Rojowski. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-two years, Viola (Vi) L. (LaPolice) Rojowski; his loving

children, Donna M. Joyal and her significant other, Ron Toelken, Sr., of Ludlow, and Robert E. Rojowski and his significant other, Carrie Bailly, of Granby; cherished grandchildren, Ben Goraj, Justin Joyal and his significant other, Erica, Nathan Goraj and his wife Jennifer, Kristin Joyal and her fiance Tom, and Nicole, Madison and Alex Rojowski, and great grandchildren, Skylar, Kaylee, Jason and Archer; his sisters, Mary LaFlesh of Chicopee, Jane Pezdek of CA, Helen Pasek of Chicopee and Sophie Vargas and her husband Armando of CA; brother-in-law, Ted LaPolice of Westfield; several nieces and nephews; and many dear friends in Massachusetts and Florida, especially Al Kleeberg. Funeral services for Ed will be held Friday at 8:15 AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam. Calling hours are Thursday from 4-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Soldiers Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

Cemetery Details

MA Veterans' Memorial

1390 Main Street
Agawam, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
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Chicopee, MA 01013
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Service

AUG 30. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA