



## Edwin M. Sowa

February 24, 1929 - August 30, 2021

Edwin M. Sowa, 92, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, August 30, 2021, with loving family at his side. Born in Chicopee on February 24, 1929, son of the late Adolph J. and Mary (Jenkot) Sowa, Edwin was a graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1946, and a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. A US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War, he served for four years in the public information sector as a writer, newspaper editor and part-time broadcaster in Armed Forces Radio. He was a graduate of the US Armed Forces Public Information School and also attended Louisiana State University Extension Program while serving at Ramey AFB in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. He also was employed as an advertising manager at The Chicopee Herald in the 1950s, before and after enlisting in the military. Edwin continued to be self-employed as an advertising and public relations consultant for many years. He was an associate of Jasin Advertising in Springfield and Chicopee, where he collaborated in the creation of print advertising for many corporate and commercial clients. He also gained recognition as a political writer and strategist, first gained in the 1940s and lasted into recent years. Edwin served as an investigator, deputy agent and as a temporary agent in charge of the Chicopee Veterans Service Dept. before retiring in 1978. He was a corporator and trustee/director of Chicopee Savings Bank for twenty-nine years. A member of American Legion Post 452 for over thirty-five years, he was also a member of the MA Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Assoc., and a former member of the Air Force Public

Affairs Alumni Assoc. He leaves a treasured life made possible by his beloved wife of sixty-six years, Melania "Molly" (Malinowski) Sowa, a woman with an abundance of many marvelous talents and skills, especially her beautiful voice and caring patience. He is also survived by his treasured daughter, Carolyn, and son, Phillip, both of Chicopee; his nieces, Linda Arbore and husband James, and Michele Laurin Bequiristain and husband Roger; and godson, Retired AF Lt. Col. Javin Arbore. He was predeceased by his dear sister Phyllis Atkinson and husband George, and dear cousins, Jane and Ann Jenkot. Funeral services for Edwin will be held Friday from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, with a service at 10:30AM. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. A calling hour will precede the service from 9:15-10:15 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stanislaus School, 534 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.  
[kozikowskifuneralhome.com](http://kozikowskifuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St Stanislaus Cemetery

Chicopee, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 592-9256  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Michele Laurin** - September 12, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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**michele laurin** - September 06, 2021 at 09:34 PM

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“ *Rest in peace Uncle Ed (UE). You are and always will be my favorite Uncle. You were smart, funny and such a loving husband, dad, uncle and friend to all. Dad Les just loved you. You two were not only BFF's but you were truly brothers in all the sense of the word. Have fun playing chess and doing taxes in heaven. Thank you for a lifetime of friendship and love. I love you.*  
*ML Trademark, your niece Michele Laurin*

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**Michele Laurin** - September 06, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ *Dear Molly and Family,  
Please accept our condolences. Barbara and I were saddened to read of Ed's passing. We so enjoyed the conversations each 4th of July at the camp. We last saw Ed outside Panera's before Covid. His views on local politics were always interesting to hear. You and Ed are in our prays. Barbara and George Hahn*

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**George Hahn** - September 03, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Anna Lekarczyk lit a candle in memory of Edwin M. Sowa*



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**anna lekarczyk** - September 01, 2021 at 08:37 PM