



Frank J. Dzija

July 1, 1916 - February 2, 2012

CHICOPEE-- Frank J. Dzija, 95, a lifelong resident of Chicopee, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at home. Born on July 1, 1916, a son of the late Joseph and Aniela (Tomkiewicz) Dzija, he was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. Frank worked as a machinist for the former Van Norman Co. and American Bosch, and later was employed by the Chicopee Redevelopment Authority. He was an avid golfer and until a few years ago was able to complete thirty-six holes of golf in a day. He was especially proud of the hole-in-won he made on the 162 yard 8th hole of Westover Country Club on July 20, 1987. Frank was predeceased in 1993 by his beloved wife, Amelia (Koziol) Dzija, and in 2005 by his daughter, Elaine F. Benoit. Frank is survived by his loving children, Geraldine D. Bennett and her husband Edward of Chicopee, Francis J. Dzija and his wife Pim of Kissimmee, Florida, and Nancy Dzija Vaughan and her husband Charles of Middlebury, CT; his cherished grandchildren, Laurie Benoit, Tina Young, Paul Miarecki, Jonathan Dzija, Jonathan Vaughan and Suzanne Vaughan; three great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Earl Benoit of Ludlow; brother-in-law, Stanley J. Czerwiec; and his special friend of seventeen years, Margaret B. Puopolo. He was predeceased by his sister, Helen A. Czerwiec and his brother, Stanley Dzija. At Frank's request, funeral services and burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery were private. Kozikowski Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.