



## Frank L. Kozikowski

July 27, 1930 - January 28, 2017

Frank Leonard Kozikowski, 86, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Sunderland on July 27, 1930, son of the late Alexander and Helen (Goscenski) Kozikowski, he was the only son with six sisters. Frank grew up during the Great Depression helping on the family farm and tending to his many dogs, all named "Fritzi". He graduated from Amherst High School and later joined the US Army stationed in Okinawa during the Korean War. Frank was awarded the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal for his service. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and went on to serve another 6 years in the Army Reserves. After his service, he returned state-side to marry Angela (Pieczarka) Kozikowski in 1956 and start a family. He began his career as a telephone lineman for New England Telephone and rose well into the management ranks before his retirement. He and Angela traveled widely, visiting the Panama Canal, Poland, Alaska, New Zealand, the Caribbean and Hawaii. Post-retirement, they enjoyed spending winters in Naples, Florida. He enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as a good game of cards. Mostly, he enjoyed being with and talking to family, friends and anyone he met. Frank was a 50 year plus communicant of St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee and a long-time West Springfield Town Meeting Member. He was active in coaching soccer in West Springfield and served as president of the West Springfield Soccer Association. He was a master float designer and builder, entering

soccer themed floats in the town parades. In acknowledging his volunteerism in town sports, he was awarded the Park and Recreation Commissioners' Award for his service. Frank had a lifelong passion for farming and gardening. Until recent years, he always had a well-stocked garden including corn, squash, cucumbers and peppers in his back yard. Never abandoning his farming roots, he owned and restored several antique farm tractors including the one he drove as a kid. He enjoyed the Boston Red Sox and liked going to Maine during the summer, a tradition he started over 45 years ago. He amassed a collection of clay-stones from his riverbank expeditions with his sons. Frank was a member of the Polish American Veterans' Club and was also very in tune to politics. Last year, he traveled to New Hampshire numerous times and personally talked to each of the Republican candidates along with taking pictures with them. His favorite was the one shaking hands with future President Trump. Last year, he and Angela celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Angela (Pieczarka) Kozikowski; four sons, Richard Kozikowski and his wife Carol of West Springfield, Michael Kozikowski and his wife Kathleen of Norfolk, MA, Frank Kozikowski and his wife Suzanne of Westfield, and Ken Kozikowski and his wife Michelle of West Springfield; and ten cherished grandchildren, Kasia Kozikowski, Michael Kozikowski, Katie Kozikowski, Kevin Kozikowski, Nikki Kozikowski, Hayley Kozikowski, Rachel Kozikowski, Richie Kozikowski, Virginia Kozikowski and Alex Kozikowski. He is also survived by his sisters, Rosalyn Szarkowski and Barbara Ziemiak, with whom he enjoyed visiting regularly, and sisters, Helen Jablonski and Alexandra Southard and her husband Jim. He was predeceased by his sisters Franca Kochopski and her husband Ronald and Stella Kieras and her husband Chet, as well as his brothers-in-law, Ralph Szarkowski and Chester Jablonski. Angela and Frank cared for Angela's brothers, Stanley Pieczarka of California and Joseph Pieczarka of Ludlow before their passing. Frank also leaves numerous nieces and nephews, and Choco, the smartest dog in the world. Frank spent his last year at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke where he made many friends including

the staff, and enjoyed the daily activities in the canteen. His friend Dino at the Soldiers' Home was truly an inspiration and the best buddy Frank could have had. Frank and his family are extremely grateful to the world-class care he received and especially the professional, caring, thoughtful and family-like staff on 3 East. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 9:30AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:15AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica, 566 Front Street Chicopee. Burial with full military honors will follow at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam at 1:00PM. Calling hours are Wednesday from 4-7PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Frank to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

# Cemetery Details

## Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 592-9256  
kozikowskifh@gmail.com

## Service

FEB 2. 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica\_  
566 Front St.  
Chicopee, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ My heart and sincere condolences go out to Angie, Micky, Richie, Kenny, Frank and everyone else. Uncle (Godfather) Frank was a straight shooter and a stand-up Dude. He was also a passionate hunter and fisherman. A more honorable, generous and well respected man and role model, is very, very hard to find these days, and to raise four outstanding sons the likes of Micky, Richie, Kenny, and Frank is an exemplary achievement that few men will ever achieve. With much respect, RIP Uncle Frank and tight lines.

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**Tom Kieras** - January 31, 2017 at 09:12 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Franks passing. May he rest in peace. Out thoughts are with you all. With our sympathy. Jody & Greg.

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**Jody Gessing** - January 30, 2017 at 07:05 PM