



## Frank Pluta

August 28, 1943 - March 12, 2024

Frank Pluta, 80, passed away peacefully at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 with loving family at his side. Born in Holyoke on August 28, 1943, son of the late Walter and Frances (Pliska) Pluta, he was a graduate of Chicopee High School Class of 1961, where he helped capture a state championship as captain of the golf team and was named to the All Valley team in basketball. In 2011, he was inducted into the Chicopee Athletic Hall of Fame. Frank continued his education at UMass Amherst, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree and continued to play basketball and golf. Sustaining his love of sports, Frank attended every basketball game at UMass for many years. He loved playing golf and traveling, eating Polish food and pizza, and striking up a conversation with almost anyone. Frank is survived by his loving children, daughter Sara J. Pluta and son Sam Pluta with wife Sky Macklay; sister, Joan Griffin, and brother, Bob Pluta with wife Elaine; three nieces and two nephews; and several dear friends. Family and friends are invited to calling hours for Frank on Sunday, March 17th, from 2-4PM, with a prayer service at 3:30PM, in Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee. Memorial contributions may be made in Frank's name to the Athletic Association of Chicopee High School, 820 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Frank's family. Being a fellow CHS Class of '61 grad and a teammate on the BB team, I best remember that Frank having an easy going personality. He was a great BB athlete with a phenomenal outside shot.

*I currently live close to Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton MA, where he and our team of great CHS golfers won the State High School Golf Tournament. Every time a play there, I am reminded of his/ their great accomplishment. Pete Babachicos*

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**Pete Babachicos** - March 16, 2024 at 10:28 AM

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“ Sara, Sam, family - so sorry on the loss of your father/brother/mate. I have many fond memories of Frank. We would catch up walking around the track at an area health club to catch up. He was very proud of each of you, Sara and Sam, and your accomplishments. It goes without saying how much he loved you. We all had very good times at parties, camping, and visiting. Treasure your memories forever. Frank will missed. With sympathy and love, Nancy L

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**Nancy Larson** - March 15, 2024 at 02:40 PM