



## George M. Mendrala

June 7, 1932 - October 25, 2015

George M. Mendrala, 83, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 25, 2015 surrounded by his loving family by his side. Born in Chicopee on June 7, 1932, son of the late Michael and Anna (Strycharz) Mendrala, he lived in West Springfield for the past fifty eight years. A US Navy veteran of the Korean War he served aboard the USS Valley Forge and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two battle stars. George was a twenty five year firefighter for the Town of West Springfield retiring in 1984 and served as secretary for its Firefighters Association. He was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, a graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1949, and a member of the Pioneer Valley Sportsmen's Club. George is survived by his beloved wife of fifty eight years, Jean (Rzeznikiewicz) Mendrala; five loving children, George C. Mendrala and his wife Barbara, of Pittsfield, Douglas W. Mendrala and his wife Bobbi, of Duluth, GA, John M. Mendrala and his wife Donna, of Wilbraham, Paul X. Mendrala and his wife Delilah, of Merrimack, NH, and loving daughter Elizabeth M. Duquette who was his devoted caretaker for these last 2 years, and her husband Paul, of West Springfield; three siblings, Gladys Zoladz, of Seymore, TN, Michael Mendrala and his wife Susie, of Austin, TX, and Robert Mendrala and his wife Carol, of Chicopee, sister-in-law Dorothy Mendrala; ten loving grandchildren Matthew, Bradley, Katelynn, Susan, Sarah, great grandson Dominic, Austin, Danielle, Justin, Nicholas & Lauren Duquette. He was predeceased by a brother, Edward Mendrala and two sisters, Alfreda Lefevbre and Mollie Pajak.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Baystate Medical Center, the Baystate VNA and Jesse and Brian of Professional Medical Services for the exceptional care given to George. Funeral services for George will be held Friday at 9 AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Paucatuck Cemetery, West Springfield. Calling hours are Thursday from 5-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, Room 546-State House, Boston, MA 02133-1042.

# Cemetery Details

## Paucatuck Cemetery

Sibley Avenue  
West Springfield, MA 01089

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
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## Service

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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