



## Harry "Hipolit" Kozikowski

March 18, 1932 - November 5, 2020

Harry "Hipolit" Kozikowski, 88, a lifelong Suffield resident, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, November 5, 2020, surrounded by his family, after an almost year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Born March 18, 1932, the youngest child of the late Walter and Annie (Lucay) Kozikowski, Harry's memories of his early years in Suffield are well chronicled in *A Tale of Harry, the Last Hipolit* in the March 2020 edition of *The Suffield Observer* <https://thesuffieldobserver.com/2020/03/a-tale-of-harry-the-last-hipolit/>. Harry graduated from Suffield High School in 1949, and earned an undergraduate business administration degree from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from Western New England College. He served his country in the U. S. Army (stationed in beautiful Carmel by the Sea, CA) and in the Army National Guard. For most of his career, Harry worked in increasingly higher-level financial positions at Hamilton Standard, a division of United Technologies, where he was active in their credit union, ending as Chairman of the Board. He also worked for Kollmorgen Corp. Harry led a very full life. Never idle, he worked a collection of part-time jobs after retirement, including helping to harvest tobacco each year in August for the Nobles. A devoted communicant of St. Joseph's Church, he served on the parish council, was a member of its Holy Name Society and St. Joseph's Society, and sang in the choir. He also was very active in the Polish Heritage Society, and always exemplified pride in his Polish roots. He grew up on Hill Street enjoying farm life and ended his life on historic Main Street, lovingly restoring the Charles Loomis house over the

thirty years he lived there. His other hobbies and interests included collecting art and antiques, gardening, playing cards with his friends, and faithfully working at his daily Sudoku. But his passion and talent for ballroom dancing was second to none. Harry was an avid social and competitive ballroom dancer. His development into a Gold Level dancer not only earned him over fifty "Top Amateur Male" dance awards, but also the reputation as one of the most advanced, most sought-after dance partners in the region. His style, charm, and talent endeared him to professional and amateur dancers alike. Family was exceedingly important to Harry. Christmas Eve dinner (Wigilia) at his home was a gala affair and simply not to be missed! Getting to the adult table was a badge of honor. Harry is survived by nineteen nieces and nephews and several grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by brothers, John, Peter, Paul, Walter and Edward Kozikowski; sisters, Mary Labun, Jennie Rapalus and Stella Bujnowski; and his nephew and godson, Henry Rapalus, Jr. At Harry's request, there are no calling hours. Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial for Harry on Monday at 11AM in St. Joseph's Church, 140 South Main St., Suffield. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, on the land donated by the Kozikowski family from their farm, where Harry was raised. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Cemetery, P.O. Box 626, Suffield, CT 06078.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Hill St.  
Suffield, CT 06078

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

NOV 9. 11:00 AM.

St. Joseph'S Church

## Mass

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
140 South Main St.  
Suffield, CT 06078

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ JOSEPH S PRAIRIE lit a candle in memory of Harry "Hipolit" Kozikowski



JOSEPH S PRAIRIE - November 10, 2020 at 08:26 AM

PM

“ My sorrow is great. Harry and I were ballroom dance partners for 15 years starting in 1989. I was invited to his Retirement party given by his siblings. It was the best of times. We lost contact in 2004. I offer my condolences to the family of which he was proud. I will treasure his friendship always and keep in memory the many waltzes, foxtrots, rumbas, swings and tangos we shared. Rest easy Harry. With Love, Pam Madore



Pamela Madore - November 09, 2020 at 07:57 PM

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“ Matka Hipolita i mój dziadek Bolesław Luczaj z Polski byli rodzeństwem. Niech spoczywa w pokoju. Wiesława Łuczaj

łuczaj Wiesława - November 09, 2020 at 01:47 PM

JP

“ To the family of Mr. Harry K. My sincerest Sympathy to you all, Harry was a great friend and while we both worked together at Hamilton Standard. He was liked by his co-workers. He was a very proud of his Polish Heritage. He loved the dancing world and danced in many events. I visited with him about two months ago with my daughter and we as well as him enjoyed the joyful visit on the side porch of his lovely home. I can say no more than he was and Honest and Sincere man. May he Rest in Peace. Joseph S. Prairie Holyoke Mass.

JOSEPH S PRAIRIE - November 09, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JH

“ I am honored that the article I wrote about Harry which appeared in the Suffield Observer was referenced in the obituary along with a photo of Harry that I took for the article. I have included the full length photo along with two other photos I took that day. Harry was a charming, lovely man. I will miss him. I Jackie Ives Hemond



Jackie Hemond - November 09, 2020 at 08:58 AM

PA

“ Paula lit a candle in memory of Harry "Hipolit" Kozikowski



Paula - November 09, 2020 at 05:48 AM

PA

“ Dear Hip,  
I would've been there but I didn't receive the correct memo by family members. I'll take this moment in time to say thank you for making Christmas Eve uniquely special every year - they were holiday experiences I'll never forget in my life. You were a fabulous man of class and style, and always so pleasant to me. I appreciate you and I'll miss you. You're with God now, your parents and your siblings. Bless you and keep smiling.  
Love, Paula

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**Paula** - November 09, 2020 at 05:47 AM



“ He is not gone but lives on in the hearts of all of us who knew him. My deepest sympathies to his family.

*Frances Schmiegel  
Jacksonville, Florida*

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**Frances Schmiegel** - November 08, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DZ

“ It is with sadness that I learned of Harry's passing. I am Harry's second cousin through Harry's mother's side. Harry and I both enjoyed reviewing the family tree (which has grown to be quite large) when we got together occasionally for a wedding or something. Our sincerest condolences to the family.

*Dan and Jean Zavisza  
Salem, New Hampshire*

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**Daniel Zavisza** - November 07, 2020 at 06:16 PM