



Helen Czajka

May 1, 1921 - June 1, 2025

Helen (Przybycien) Czajka, 104, passed peacefully into Eternal Life surrounded by the care and comfort of her loving family on Sunday, June 1, 2025. Born in Chicopee on May 1, 1921, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Magdalena (Jendras) Przybycien. A devoted communicant of St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee, Helen worked for many years at the Alumni Office at American International College. She loved reading, doing word search puzzles, watching westerns and going to the casino. Helen was a great seamstress and made beautiful dresses and gowns for all occasions for her daughters. She loved to dance with Walter, her husband, and had great trips with him to Rome, Hawaii and Las Vegas. She went to Florida and also a cruise with her daughters, as well as many trips to Old Saybrook and other wonderful trips to various places in New England. She had a great sense of humor and many memorable moments with friends and family, including her Bok and Furnari family. Helen took great care of her grandchildren and loved all her family very much. She left all of us with wonderful memories, sharing her generosity of spirit and love for all. Helen will be missed beyond measure. Helen was predeceased in 1984 by her beloved husband, Walter Czajka, and also predeceased by loving grandson, Jeffrey Bok. Helen is survived by her loving daughters, Dorrie Bok and husband John, and Debbie Furnari and husband Tony; her beloved sister, Jane Kuzdzal; three cherished grandchildren, Michael Bok and wife Laura, Nina Austin and husband Matthew, and Joey Furnari and wife Alana; three treasured great-

grandchildren, Anthony and Gianna Furnari and William Austin; nephew, Robert Jendrysik and wife Adele; four nieces, Maryann Kielbasa and husband Peter, Joanne Filiau and husband Paul, Christina Skowron and husband Richard and Maryann Tyksienski; two grand-nephews, Matthew Kielbasa and wife Michelle, and Michael Kielbasa and wife Janett; great-grand nephew, Miles, and great-grand niece, Mia; and many other extended family members and friends. Helen was also predeceased by her siblings, Vicki Jendrysik, Steffie Soja, and Walter Przybycien; and nephew, Richard Soja, who is survived by his wife Donna. Funeral services for Helen will be held on Monday, June 9th, from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica, followed by burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Monday morning from 10-11:15AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Children, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA, 01104.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 9. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Czajka was an inspiration to us all. She always looked amazing. After church one Saturday, I met Mrs. Czajka and her daughter Debbie. I greeted them both with a smile and asked how they were doing. “ My name isn’t Mrs. Czajka. It’s HELEN to you my dear.” I laughed all the way home.

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