



Irene B. Partyka

September 23, 1936 - November 22, 2016

Irene B. Partyka, 80, passed away peacefully in her sleep, at home, on Tuesday, November 22, 2016. Irene was born September 23, 1936, first daughter of the most loving parents, the late Peter and Valentina (Michalek) Partyka. A lifelong Chicopee resident, she was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. Irene's education began at the Little Red Schoolhouse, then Kirby Jr. High. She was a graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1954, and furthered her education at Northampton Commercial College, earning an Associate's degree in 1956. She later took a Certified Professional Secretary's Course at AIC. Irene began her career with Hamilton Standard, Division of United Technologies, first in Broad Brook, CT, and soon after in Windsor Locks, CT, retiring in 1995 after thirty-eight years as an executive secretary. She loved her colleagues and friends there, often reminiscing about the myriad people and events that occurred through the years. She enjoyed recalling all the military and commercial aircraft projects her team worked on. Irene was a member of the Hartford Chapter, National Secretaries Assn., and with her sister Blanche, attended numerous NSA professional workshops and seminars, both in CT and NYC. She was also a caregiver to her late mother and aunts, Henrietta Michalek and Mabel Otfinowski. She enjoyed dining out frequently at area restaurants, where she had many friends. Irene was an avid reader of varied books, newspapers and magazines. Prior to her illness, she loved working outdoors and planting flowers. Although single, she loved young children, and many in the

neighborhood stopped by to visit her. Irene was a gentle spirit; she loved people and they loved her. She enjoyed her trips to Florida, Maine and Cape Cod. But most of all, she loved God and her family, and was very proud of her Polish heritage. She was always very independent and resourceful, and at her recent birthday party, Irene said smiling, "I'm proud to be 80!" Her sisters convey their special gratitude to Dr. Philip Glynn and Dr. Michelle Olsheski and their staffs, all of whom truly cared. Thank you also to Dr. Vanderzanden and the nurses at Baystate Medical Center, the staff of Porchlight VNA, especially Melissa and all the nurses on her staff for their loving care. Blessings to Sr. Norbert for her many visits of comfort to Irene, and to the dedicated staff of Mt. St. Vincent Care Center. Irene is survived by her two beloved sisters, Blanche M. Partyka (retired in 1993 after a thirty-four year career as an executive secretary with Hamilton Standard) and Elaine M. Partyka (retired after a thirty-eight year career as a teacher with the Chicopee School System), both of Chicopee; her cherished cousins, Annette (Ken) Gauthier Strzepek of Hudson, and Virginia Gifford of West Dennis; and many wonderful friends and kind, supportive neighbors. Funeral services for Irene will be held Monday at 9AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 4-7PM. Memorial contributions in Irene's name may be made to the Sr. Caritas Cancer Center, 271 Carew St., PO Box 9012, Springfield, MA 01102-9012 or to the St. Stanislaus Church Elevator Fund, 566 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
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Service

NOV 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA