



Jane B. Bielski

March 14, 2014

Jane B. (Nowak) Bielski, 83, passed away peacefully Friday, March 14, 2014 at Baystate Medical Center, after a short illness. Jane, a lifelong resident of Chicopee, was the daughter of the late Raymond J. and Bertha (Niedziela) Nowak, and was educated at St. Stanislaus Elementary School and Chicopee High School, from which she graduated in 1948. In high school she met her future husband, Olen A. Bielski, Jr. when they both participated in the marching band; she as a head majorette and he as a trombonist. They were married in 1955 and would have celebrated their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary in May. Jane is survived by her husband Olen, as well as two children, daughter Lydia Bielski Magill of Waltham and son Olen A. Bielski, III, of Chicopee and South Hadley. Jane also leaves four wonderful and talented grandchildren: Christine Emilia Magill, Olen A. (Alex) Bielski, IV, Olivia Donnellan Bielski and Sophia Grace Bielski. She will be missed by her treasured son-in-law, David G. Magill, cousins, Janis MacKenzie, Barbara Nieberding, John Redmond, Marilyn C. Hurst, and Mary Czelusniak, as well as her lifelong friend and neighbor, Marjorie Balicki. She will also be fondly missed by Karen Jasinski and many others. A communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Jane will long be remembered as a tireless volunteer, officer, and member of many organizations and philanthropies including the Chicopee Community Concert Association, Chicopee Falls Women's Club, Polish Center for Discovery and Learning, Kosciusko Foundation, Polish Junior League, and Polish Women's Alliance of America,

where she served as a state president and a national delegate. She was a lover of classical music, having studied voice for many years. She performed in light opera, as a church soloist, and in charity events sponsored by Kiwanis International. Jane was also previously honored by the Chicopee Jaycees for her community service as their "Outstanding Woman of the Year." She was the recipient of an award from the Chicopee Visiting Nurses Association for 50 years of continual service to the board of directors. Additionally, Jane was active in scouting for many years as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, den mother, and Boy Scout troop parent. After nearly two decades away from the workforce, Jane began a second career as an administrative assistant in the Development Office of the Elms College in 1977. No stranger to academia, Jane had worked several years earlier for National College in Chicago, IL and at American International College in Springfield. After several years in the Development Office, Jane assumed the role of faculty secretary at the Elms, a position that she held until her retirement. Always interested in technology, Jane became an email maven and a frequent user of social networking. Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial for Jane on Friday at 10 AM in the chapel of Elms College, 291 Springfield St., Chicopee. Burial at a later date will be at the convenience of the family in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 4-8 PM at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chicopee Visiting Nurses Association, Inc., 2024 Westover Rd., Chicopee, MA 01020; the Polish Women's Alliance of America College Scholarship Fund, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy., Chicago, IL 60631; the Polish Center for Discovery and Learning, 33 South St., Chicopee, MA 01013; Boy Scouts of America, Western MA Council, 1 Arch Road, Suite 5, Westfield, MA 01085; or the Skating Club of Boston's Mary Louise Wright Scholarship Fund, 1240 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston, MA 02135.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

MAR **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Elms College
291 Springfield St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathy to Lydia, Olen, Mr. B and the entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Francine Bigda - March 20, 2014 at 10:26 PM

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“ *Mrs. Bielski will be tremendously missed. She was so important in my childhood. My deepest condolences. Claire Rodowicz Hull*

Claire Rodowicz Hull - March 18, 2014 at 07:21 AM