



## Jeanne C. Szela

January 1, 1944 - January 19, 2018

Jeanne C. (Kurczap) Szela, 74, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 19, 2018. Born January 1, 1944, daughter of the late Albert and Mary (Zalynski) Kurczap, she was raised in Springfield and has resided in Longmeadow for the past forty-five years. A graduate of Cathedral High School and the former Springfield Technical Institute (now STCC), Jeanne worked as a medical secretary in her earlier years. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a gracious ambassador of her Polish heritage. Jeanne was a member of the Polish Women's Alliance, Group 422, and was presented in their Polonaise Ball while in college. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, Eddie, especially to polka festivals, and supported him as they worked on behalf of the International Polka Association (IPA) and the Ludlow Polish American Citizens Club. Family was of most importance to Jeanne, and she was a dedicated mother and grandmother, taking an active part in their lives and activities. Jeanne was predeceased on January 9, 2018 by her beloved husband of fifty-two years, Edward F. Szela, and is survived by her loving daughters, Sue Szela and husband Rob Czech of West Springfield, and Sandy Congdon and husband Brad of Reading; cherished grandchildren, Sophia Mary and Chase Edward Congdon; and several cousins and dear friends. Funeral services for Jeanne will be held Wednesday at 8:15AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Mary's Church. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee. Calling hours are Tuesday from 4-7PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.  
Chicopee, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
519 Longmeadow St.  
Longmeadow, MA

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ So sorry to hear we lost Jeanne. They (Ed and Jeanne) were big polka followers and were always the best dressed couple at all of the polka dances. They will be missed by all in the polka community. Condolences to the family at this diffecult time.

*Laura and Lenny Kokoski*

---

**Laura Kokoski** - January 25, 2018 at 03:07 PM

JJ

“ Dear Sue and Family;  
We heard the bad news while in Florida about Dad and Mom. We are every sorry, we will miss them very much.  
Love,  
Jim and Michele Jessick

---

**James Jessick** - January 23, 2018 at 04:20 PM

TE

“ Sue and family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a wonderful woman. Always friendly and smiling. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Terry & Ed Janeczak*

---

**Terry** - January 22, 2018 at 05:26 PM

