



John S. Chmura

January 23, 1935 - June 30, 2015

John S. Chmura, 80, Retired City of Chicopee Police Sergeant, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at Baystate Medical Center, with his loving family by his side. Born January 23, 1935, son of the late Stefan and Mary (Ryczek) Chmura, he lived most of his life in Chicopee and more recently in East Longmeadow. A US Army veteran of the Korean War, he served as a Military Policeman. John was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, and a graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1953. He continued his education at Western New England College, earning a Bachelors in Criminal Justice, followed by a Masters in Criminal Justice from American International College. John was appointed to the Chicopee Police Department in 1960, appointed Sergeant in 1974, and retired in 1991. He was a past chairman of the Chicopee School Committee, the first police safety officer in Chicopee, and active in the K-Fest and Easter Seal Campaign. He was a member of the Chicopee Lodge of Elks 1849 and served as a football coach for the St. Patrick's Youth League. John enjoyed all sports, especially football, bowling and softball. He was also an avid fan of the UConn Girls Basketball Team. John was predeceased in 2011 by his beloved wife, Christine J. (Kokoszka) Chmura, and is survived by six loving children, Debbie Chmura, Retired City of Chicopee Police Senior Sergeant Jeffrey Chmura and his wife Anita, MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution (CT) Warden Carol Chapdelaine and her husband Joseph, Karen St. Pierre and her husband Paul, Susan Gazda and her husband Paul, and City of Chicopee Fire

Lieutenant John Chmura and his wife Carla; fifteen cherished grandchildren, Christopher Chmura, Lynn Vyzga, Jason, Melissa and Brian Chapdelaine, Michael and Stephanie Danek, Paul Jr., Katelyn, Andrew and Mason St. Pierre, Krystyna and Nicholas Gazda, and Sophia and Gavin Chmura; sister-in-law, Irene Kokoszka; cousin, Mary Petraniuk, and best friends, George and Frances Nunes. Funeral services will be held Monday at 9 AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Sunday from 4-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Springfield Kidney Patient Association, Inc., PO Box 4426, Springfield, MA 01101.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ From the first day I met Mr. Chmura back in 1979 he and his family have treated me as 1 of there own. I have so many fond memories of him. Football games, birthday parties, the K-fest or just hanging out at the Chmura residence. He was always quick to Crack a joke or give some sound advice. I will miss him maybe not as much as his immediate family but he will always have a place in my heart.

Dwayne Whitney - July 05, 2015 at 07:08 PM

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Debbie - I'm sorry for the loss of your father. May he rest in peace. Becoming an orphaned adult is another rite of passage in our lives. Wishing you and your family peace, comfort & strength. I was just looking to see if I could find my brother's obituary (not posted yet), and I came across a name I recognized. I met your father only once when he came to our house with a badge in hand. It was one of those moments in my teenage years I recall clearly. He was very professional. It left me with a positive image of law enforcement that I still hold till this day.

Elizabeth Chutkowska Insley

Elizabeth Chutkowska Insley - August 14, 2015 at 01:17 PM