



Captain John R. DeFilippi

August 8, 1934 - October 10, 2013

John R. DeFilippi, 79, retired Captain of the Chicopee Fire Department, passed away peacefully at Redstone Nursing Center on Thursday, October 10, 2013, with his loving family by his side. Born August 8, 1934, son of the late Joseph and Jennie (Roskuski) DeFilippi, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. A US Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he was a recipient of the Purple Heart. His career in the Chicopee Fire Department began when he was appointed permanent firefighter on August 4, 1970. He was appointed Lieutenant on July 24, 1984 and Captain on Nov. 13, 1989. John was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr. He was a member of the MA Association of Firefighters, American Legion Post 452, American Rifle Association, Westfield Sportsman's Club and the Pioneer Valley Water Ski Club. John was predeceased in 1995 by his beloved wife, Anna C. (Asselin) DeFilippi and predeceased in 2008 by his loving son-in-law, Steven Koziara. John is survived by his loving children, Karen A. Koziara and her companion Charlie Healey of West Springfield, John R. DeFilippi, Jr. and his wife Lori of Lewiston, ME, Joseph A. DeFilippi and his wife Natercia of Chicopee and Wayne P. DeFilippi and his wife Carrie of Chicopee; seven cherished grandchildren, Brandon Koziara of Boston, Kyle Koziara of Minnesota, Nathaniel Koziara of Boston, Cody DeFilippi of Chicopee, and Richard, James and Ryder Smith, all of Maine; and his dear friend, Wladzia Ankiewicz of Chicopee. Funeral services for John will be held Friday 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, Chicopee. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 4-7 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 264 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104 or the Rays of Hope, Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01199. ko

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
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Service

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA