



John Kulas

March 12, 1929 - March 5, 2012

CHICOPEE-- John "Henry" Kulas, 82, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 5, 2012 at Mercy Medical Center with his loving daughter and her partner by his side. Born in Ware, MA on November 12, 1929, he was a son of the late Stanley and Kate (Medura) Kulas. Henry lived his younger years in West Warren, MA and has resided in Chicopee for the past fifty five years. He turned down an offer to play semi-pro baseball to serve his country. A US Army veteran of the Korean War he served as a Sergeant with the 18th Infantry and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Combat Med Badge, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Medal. Henry was employed for many years by the Chapman Crane Co. and later retired from the Rexcel Co. An expert wild mushroom picker and avid gardener, Henry enjoyed sharing his harvest with neighbors and friends. He was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr and an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan. Henry was predeceased in 2010 by his beloved wife of fifty two years, Evelyn M. (Gill) Kulas and also predeceased by a brother, Walter Kulas. Henry leaves his loving daughter, MaryAnn E. Kulas and her partner William B. White, Sr., of Windsor, MA; a sister-in-law, Genevieve Shakas, of Largo, FL; a favorite nephew, David Pogorzelski, of Broad Brook, CT; and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews. Henry's family would like to extend a special thanks to the 2nd Floor Cardiac Unit's nurses at Mercy Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Friday from the Kozikowski

Funeral Home, 565 Front St. Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Calling hours are Friday morning from 8-9:15 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, Room 546-State House, Boston, MA 02133-1042.