



John B. Sypek Jr.

May 15, 1941 - January 17, 2017

John B. "Sonny" Sypek, Jr., 75, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Baystate Medical Center. Born May 15, 1941, son of the late John B. Sr. and Genevieve K. (Nawracaj) Sypek, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. A graduate of Chicopee High School, John continued his education, earning an Associates Degree. A US Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, he served his country as an aircraft electrical repairman. He continued his Air Force dedication by being involved for many years at the USO Club of Westover Air Base. A communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, John was a ham radio operator with the handle W1MI, talking to the world. John is survived by his loving children, John B. Sypek, III and his wife Kylene Hobson Sypek of Westfield and Tina Sypek D'Amato and her husband, Nicholas D'Amato of Hamden, CT; cherished grandchildren, Kailauni Sypek, John B. Sypek, IV, Ashton Sypek, Aidan Sypek, Marissa Sypek, Nicholas D'Amato and Genevieve Katherine D'Amato; his longtime companion, Dolores A. Skura of Chicopee; and several cousins. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 9AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 4-7PM.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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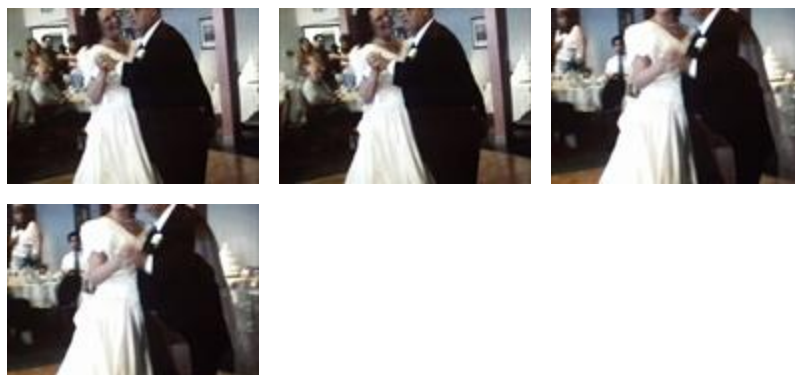
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Tina Sypek D'Amato - February 03, 2017 at 09:45 AM

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Tina Sypek D'Amato - February 03, 2017 at 09:44 AM

 Tina Sypek D'Amato


“ *Christopher Nicholas D'amato was added to the Family Tree.*

Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 27, 2017 at 05:07 PM

 Tina Sypek D'Amato

“ *Nicholas Charles D'amato was added to the Family Tree.*

Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 27, 2017 at 05:04 PM

 Tina
Sypek
D'Amato

“ So my Dad and I had a complicated relationship, but he taught me some important things in life; to be independent, to work hard, to be frugal, to take pride in being responsible and paying bills on time, to be stern and stand up for myself, and to be a bully (which works well when your a lawyer) and to never give up. I always tried to make him proud of me. I am told he was very proud of me and my accomplishments.

He had a lot of great stories to tell, he was an interesting man and he had been a lot of places . . . he traveled all over the world. Both in the military as well as with his family. We traveled all over the United States -- all of us in his little HONDA CAR! Sometimes it was just me and my parents, sometimes it was me, my parents and Babci and Dzadzia. It was cramped for sure, but we went to Disney World, Disney Land, Bush Gardens, Mesa Verdi, The Four Corners, Phoenix AZ, Las Vegas (where I got thrown out of a casino), The Grand Canyon, Myrtle Beach, Mexico City, Mexico, The Indiana 500 Raceway, The Dallas Cowboys Stadium, Sea World, The Bronx Zoo, The San Diego Zoo, Hershey PA, Boston, NYC, The Twin Towers, The Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty . . . and many more places.

I remember a time, I was maybe 10 years old. I had this boy I liked. He moved from Springfield to Hartford CT. I knew his address because he wrote to me, but at some point, his parents told him he had to stop communicating with me. My dad drove to Hartford, (WITHOUT A GPS) and found his house. I wasn't able to have closure that moment. His dad wouldn't let him come to the door. But he called that night to tell me we couldn't be friends anymore. I was devastated, but the point is, my Dad tried to help me.

Another time, I must have been in elementary school. I owned 4 turtles. They were in my back yard in a big box. A couple bullies in the neighborhood came and blew them up with firecrackers in their mouths. My dad, I was so proud of him, went to their house and told their parents (I'm sure in the most threatening of tones) that their

kids better never be seen on my property again. He was a big guy with an even bigger mouth! Most people were afraid of him. Funny thing is, he was probably all bark and no bite! But that facade got him his way. He was relentless!

I have a lot of memories I can now laugh at. They weren't funny at the time, but my dad was a strange duck. I was never able to understand him. I am not sure anyone could. Funny thing is, the day he died, he asked me, "why can't anyone understand me?" At least I wasn't alone!

My dad brought me closer to my cousin. A priceless gift. Funny how his mom (Babci) brought her closer to him, then he brought her closer to me. Like a light passed on through the generations.

My last visit with him was the day he passed. I spent the whole day with him. I scratched his head, put moisturizer in his mouth (he loved that minty taste) I told him I was saying good bye, I told him God loved him and wanted him back, I prayed on him. He argued with me about who I was, but later when I asked him if he recognized me he said, "you said you were my daughter Tina!" LOL. I don't know if he understood anything I said, but it was a very touching day, one that I won't forget. I priceless moment where I felt connected to him, unlike ever before. I love you Daddy, NMW!

Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 27, 2017 at 04:20 PM

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“ *May God's almighty hands gentle tough your hearts and easy the pain of your loss and know that your Dad is at peace with him in Heaven.*



Jeff, Maureen, & Ethan O'Toole-Roselli - January 19, 2017 at 08:54 AM

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“ I remember uncle John when I was younger and him always trying to make silly jokes... He was always so stern you really couldn't tell they were jokes lol.

Heather Clayton - January 19, 2017 at 08:27 AM

Tina Sypek D'Amato

“ Nicholas D'Amato sends a virtual gift of prayer!



Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 19, 2017 at 08:11 AM

Tina Sypek D'Amato

“ Genevieve Katherine D'Amato shares her rainbow raft to the rainbow bridge to grandpa.



Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 19, 2017 at 08:09 AM

Tina Sypek D'Amato

“ Nicholas gives the gift of the rainbow bridge to his grandpa.



Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 19, 2017 at 08:07 AM

Tina
Sypek
D'Amato

“ *Genevieve Katherine D'Amato, named after her Babci, Genevieve Katherine Sypek, lights a candle for her grandpa*



Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 19, 2017 at 08:06 AM

Tina
Sypek
D'Amato

“ *Tina Sypek D'Amato lit a candle in memory of John B. Sypek Jr.*



Tina Sypek D'Amato - January 19, 2017 at 08:04 AM



“ *Kylene Hobson lit a candle in memory of John B. Sypek Jr.*



Kylene Hobson - January 19, 2017 at 06:10 AM



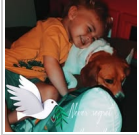
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Kylene Hobson - January 19, 2017 at 06:09 AM



“ *Nick Diamato was added to the Family Tree.*

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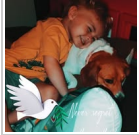
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