



Joseph F. Godek

February 10, 1921 - October 3, 2013

Joseph F. Godek, 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Baystate Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Born February 10, 1921, son of the late Kazimierz and Mary (Padykula) Godek, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. Joseph was a graduate of St. Stanislaus Grammar School and Chicopee High School, Class of 1940. He was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, and a member of its Holy Name Society. He also served the parish as Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 131. A US Army veteran of World War II, he served with the 3rd Army 473rd Ordnance Evacuation Co. as a reconnaissance sergeant in the Rhineland and Central Europe, receiving two bronze battle stars along with the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Joseph was a member of the VFW Post 625, Chicopee Sportsmen's Club, and an original member of the former Esquire Athletic Club. He was a director of the Polish National Alliance and a captain of the Brightside for Children Building Campaign. Joseph retired in 1984 after forty five years of service at the Savage Arms Co. of Chicopee and Westfield, and was a member of the Savage Arms Twenty Five Year Club and the Savage Retiree Club. He enjoyed sports and fishing, was very proud of his great hobby, "Christmas All Year Round" with lighted displays, and was one of the "Bemisuwka Boys". He loved his children, grandchildren and great granddaughter very much. Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-six years, Alice B. (Garstka) Godek; his loving children, Joanne M. Marshall and

her husband David of Boylston, Robert J. Godek and his wife Frances of West Springfield, and Gary F. Godek of Enfield, CT; his cherished grandchildren, Kristin Simon and her husband Shawn of ME, Kenneth Godek and Kimberly Godek of Enfield, CT and Michael Godek, Jeffrey Godek and Stephanie Godek of West Springfield; great-granddaughter, Makayla Simon; brother, Edward B. Godek and his wife Julie of Chicopee; nieces, Teresa, Diane and Linda and nephews, Richard, Francis and David. He was predeceased by his sister, Catherine Kubik. Funeral services for Joseph will be held Tuesday at 10 AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday from 4-7 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Stanislaus School Endowment Fund, 534 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Joe you will always be in our hearts & prays.
Love Renee, Tracy, Greg & Edmond LeClerc*



Renee LeClerc - October 04, 2013 at 09:36 PM

JM

“ *You will always be in our hearts, your loving family*



Joanne Marshall - October 04, 2013 at 12:26 PM

FK

“ *Uncle Joe had an awesome sense of humor. He founded a family club called the Red Cap Society requiring the submission of photos wearing a red hat when having "fun". Well Uncle Joe, everytime we have fun, we will think of you. Rest in peace, dear uncle.
Francis & Judy*



Francis & Judy Kubik - October 04, 2013 at 11:46 AM

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Uncle Joe, Francis & Uncle Ed, the tres amigos (three friends) wearing their Chicopee hats.

Frank - October 04, 2013 at 01:00 PM

JM

“ *You will always be our hearts, from your loving family. God Bless!*



Joanne Marshall - October 04, 2013 at 11:36 AM