



## Joseph Kowal

August 28, 1952 - May 10, 2023

Joseph Kowal, 70, passed away peacefully at his home in Marco Island, Florida on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, with loving family at his side. Born in Smegorzow, Poland on August 28, 1952, son of the late Walter and Mary Kowal, he came to America in 1969. Joseph started a machine shop in his garage in 1982, and opened J-K Tool Co. in Agawam the following year. His brother-in-law, Edward Gazdowicz, later partnered with him. J-K Tool Co. continues as a family owned business. Joseph was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee, and above all else, his family was the love and pride of his life. He and his wife Jean enjoyed traveling, especially to Florida, where Joseph would sit out front and watch his palm trees grow. He was a devoted husband, father and dziadziu, and always looked forward to times spent together. Joseph is survived by his beloved wife of fifty years, Jean T. (Gazdowicz) Kowal; loving children, Christopher J. Kowal and wife Rachelle of Suffield, CT, Joanne Lemelin and husband Mark of East Otis, and Margaret Corsino and husband Louis, III, of Ellington, CT; five cherished grandchildren, Isabelle, Campbelle, Kayla, Alyssa, and Walker; sisters, Halina Gazdowicz, and Christine Lakomy and husband Max; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Casimir Kowal, and sister, Jane Kruzel. Funeral services for Joseph will be held Friday at 9AM from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Committal service and burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are

Thursday from 4-7PM.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Cemetery

800 Montgomery St.  
Chicopee, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

**MAY 19.** 9:00 AM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAY 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica  
Chicopee, MA