



Joseph S. Rubis

November 26, 2013

Joseph S. Rubis, 86, passed away at Baystate Medical Center on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. A son of the late Adam and Aniela (Topor) Rubis, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. At the age of twelve, Joe worked as a caddy at the Oxford Country Club, thus starting a lifelong love of golf. Over the years, he golfed throughout New England, winning several tournaments and shooting two holes-in-one. At the age of eighteen he enlisted in the US Navy and served his country during World War II aboard the USS Midway. Joe was an avid, and vocal, fan of the Red Sox, Patriots, and Syracuse University's basketball and football teams. Some of his best memories were of attending the Liberty, Orange and Fiesta Bowls with his daughter to root for the SU football team. He was an incredibly creative individual who could fix anything. Over the years he even built furniture and a customized tool shed. He enjoyed gardening and was known for his incredible array of irises, which he shared with family and friends. Like his wife, he loved polka music and readily sang along. He especially enjoyed singing Polish Kolendy. Joe had a strong work ethic and was very proud of his forty years of government service beginning at the Springfield Armory and ending at the Springfield Bulk Mail Center. During his years at the post office, he received a Special Achievement Award and other acknowledgements for work improvement suggestions. Joe had a great interest in biblical archeology and was delighted to have had the opportunity to travel to Israel, participating in special events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the unearthing of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He believed in the

importance of education and that women and girls should be allowed to achieve their dreams. Joe is survived by his daughter, Dr. Mary Ann K. Rubis; brother Mitzie Twardzik; sisters Adele Klinkowski and Irene Horak, all of Chicopee; many nieces and nephews; his lifelong friends Larry and Trina Dziedzic; and the many people whose lives he touched over the years. Joe was predeceased by his beloved wife of sixty years, Jennie (Robak), brothers Ed and Fred Rubis and Frank and Stanley Twardzik, and sisters Mary and Stella Twardzik. Family and friends are invited to a graveside service and burial with Military Honors on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 12 Noon in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, 800 Montgomery St., Chicopee. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Zonta International Foundation, ZISVAW Fund, 1211 West 22nd St., Suite 900, Oak Brook, IL 60523. Zonta International is an international service organization whose members work locally and globally to ensure that women and girls have access to education, health care, and legal and economic resources.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Service

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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