



## Josephine Gancarz

June 11, 1924 - March 27, 2023

Josephine “Jozefa” (Kata) Gancarz, 98, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, March 27, 2023 at Quaboag Skilled Care Center, where she received outstanding care from the warm and devoted Quaboag and Hospice staff. Born in Kamien, Poland on June 11, 1924, daughter of the late Michal and Salomea (Majka) Kata, she emigrated to the United States in 1961. Josephine worked at many jobs, retiring from Wrights in West Warren. She was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, and when her health no longer allowed her to travel to Chicopee, she attended St. Christopher’s Church in Brimfield. Josephine loved to sew, crochet, and knit, but her most loved hobby was gardening. She meticulously tended her garden and flower beds into her early nineties. Often people would stop their cars to admire her flowers. But, the pride and joy of her life were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Josephine was predeceased in 2004 by her beloved husband of fifty-two years, Stanislaw Gancarz. She is survived by her loving daughter, Mary Kozikowski and husband John, of Brimfield; three cherished grandchildren, Christine Pereira and husband Rayner of Portland, CT, Dr. Tania Kozikowski-Nicholas and husband Patrick, of Randolph, NJ, and John W. Kozikowski, of Brimfield; her treasured great-grandchildren, Neena and Anya Pereira, and Sophia and Farin Nicholas; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Funeral services for Josephine will be held Saturday from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica.

Committal services and burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Saturday morning from 8-9:45AM.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Cemetery

800 Montgomery St.  
Chicopee, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 592-9256  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica  
Chicopee, MA