



Leopold J. Socha

May 26, 1921 - September 19, 2016

Leopold J. Socha, 95, a lifelong Chicopee resident, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, September 19, 2016. Born May 26, 1921, son of the late Walenty and Katarzyna (Sudiak) Socha, he was a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, and served his parish for many years as a volunteer bingo worker. Leopold was a US Army veteran of World War II, serving his country in the Naples-Foggia, Northern France, Rome-Arno and Rhineland campaigns. He was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with four service stars, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. Leopold founded his business, Socha Sign Co., in 1938, and previously had worked for Country Club Soda. He was predeceased in 1974 by his beloved wife, Lorraine D. (Mathieu) Socha, and in 2013 by his daughter, Suzanne Koziol. Leopold is survived by his loving children, Jo-Ann Siller and her husband Rolf of West Springfield, Bruce E. Socha and his wife Cindy of Chicopee, Laurie Hartsock and her husband Bruce of North Carolina and Ann Marie Chalue and her husband Darrin of East Springfield; cherished grandchildren, Robert Socha and his wife Deborah of Chicopee, Michelle Grassi of Southampton, Dawn Socha and her husband Ryan of California, Stephen Koziol and his wife Shannon of Ludlow, Chelsie Kazmierski and her husband William of Boston, Joseph Socha of Chicopee, Leopold Hartsock of Arizona and Genevieve Hartsock of North Carolina; cherished great-grandsons, Logan, Nathan and Kevin; son-in-law, Steve Koziol of Ludlow; sister, Helen Galica of Grafton; dear friend, Margie Peltier of Chicopee; and

many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Joseph and Edward Socha, and sisters, Vera Furtek, Emily LaRochelle, and Viola and Sophie Socha. Funeral services for Leopold 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. Burial with military honors 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

SEP **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
565 Front Street
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Service

SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA