



## Max J. Mierzwa

May 19, 1925 - May 21, 2017

Max J. Mierzwa, 92, a lifelong Chicopee resident, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke. Born May 19, 1925, son of the late Paul and Victoria (Krzyszawska) Mierzwa, he was a graduate of Chicopee High School. A US Marine Corps veteran of WWII, Max, a sergeant, served his country in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre of War, participating in the Max invasion of Okinawa and with the 3rd Fleet Operations in China. Max was a graduate of the UMass Stockbridge School of Agriculture, and retired after many years as the greens superintendent at Chicopee CC, a position he also held previously at Springfield CC. An avid golfer and traveler, Max was a member of the New England, American and National Greenskeepers Associations. He was a charter member of the American Legion Post 452 of Chicopee, and coached area youth sports teams. Max is survived by his beloved wife of sixty-six years, Ann J. (Sypek) Mierzwa; loving children, Peter P. Mierzwa and wife Laura of Shrewsbury, and Carol M. Hudner and husband Philip of Fairfax, VA; and cherished grandsons, Philip Hudner of New York, NY and Max Hudner of Fairfax, VA. He was predeceased by his two brothers. A funeral home service for Max will be held Wednesday, May 24, at 6PM in Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, with calling hours preceding the service from 3-6PM. Burial with military honors in MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be held Thursday, June 1, at 2PM. Those wishing to attend burial services are asked to meet at the cemetery. His family sincerely thanks the staff of 3 West at the Soldiers

Home for their dedicated care , and also sends a special thank-you to Sarah the Fiddler. Memorial contributions may be made to the Soldiers Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040, or the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

# Cemetery Details

## Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY **24.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Mierzwa family. I knew Max for about 50 years, 1st meeting him with his son Peter at city youth and Chicopee High school basketball games. Max helped me get my placement job in Turf Management at Springfield Country Club in 1976. Max helped me in my career in becoming a golf course superintendent. I have been in the Turf Grass industry for over 40 years and my success was definitely helped by "Maxie"!

*Sincerely,  
Bob Ruzala*

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**Bob Ruzala** - May 24, 2017 at 08:21 AM