



## Mitchell S. Koziara

August 21, 1946 - October 1, 2013

Mitchell S. Koziara, 67, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Baystate Medical Center, with his loving family by his side. Born on August 21, 1946, son of the late Emil and Sophie (Jaciow) Gura, he had lived in Chicopee for most of his life until moving to West Springfield a few years ago. Mitchell was a graduate of Chicopee High School, Class of 1965, and a communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr. A US Coast Guard veteran, he served his country in the First Coast Guard District of Boston. Mitchell was a highly regarded, diligent property manager who loved his family and all animals. He was recently predeceased by his mother, Sophie, in August of this year, and also predeceased by his sister, Joanne Garstka, in 2012. Mitchell is survived by his beloved wife of thirty years, Cynthia D. (Shepard) Koziara; his loving daughters, Michelle L. Sholler and her husband Chad, and Christie M. Nelson and her husband Brian, all of the state of Florida; five cherished grandchildren, Katelin, Jacqueline, Jacob, Jordyn and Chloe and a great-grandson, Keon; loving sister, Sonja E. Kokoszka and her husband Richard of West Springfield; a niece and a nephew; and brother-in-law, Andrew (Skip) Garstka. Funeral services for Mitchell will be held Monday at 9 AM from the Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial will follow in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard. Calling hours are Sunday from 2-5 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Dakin Humane Society, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Aloysius Cemetery

1273 Berkshire Avenue  
Indian Orchard, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home  
565 Front Street  
Chicopee, MA 01013  
(413) 592-9256  
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## Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica\_  
566 Front St.  
Chicopee, MA