



## Pauline P. Marciniak

March 1, 1915 - December 29, 2015

Pauline P. (Skrobacki) Marciniak, 100, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Wingate of South Hadley. Born on March 1, 1915, daughter of the late Joseph and Praxeda (Majewska) Skrobacki, she was raised and educated in Chicopee and has resided in South Hadley for most of her life. A communicant of St. Anne Church, Pauline worked in retail sales, primarily at Carlisle Hardware and the McAuslan and Wakelin Dept. Store. She greeted every customer with a warm and friendly smile, and a genuine enthusiasm to help them find exactly what they needed whether it was demonstrating a power lawn mower at Carlisle or helping a woman coordinate her clothing selections, the customer always left feeling good. It was not unusual for a customer to wait for Pauline to finish with another customer just so they could have Pauline wait on them. Pauline had a pension for always doing the best job possible as a wife and mother, whether it was helping her husband with yard work, or making sure her son's boy scout uniform was spotless and seams crisp, one always knew that if Pauline was doing it, the job would be done right. She was genuinely interested in how things were going in the lives of her nieces and nephews, and if needed, always willing to offer her support and helpful advice. Pauline enjoyed volunteering at many of the charitable events held at the social center of St. Patrick Church in South Hadley. Pauline loved to cook, especially for her family and guests. Her hearty stews and warm apple pies were her specialties. Anyone who sat at her table never left hungry. Her joyful spirit carried over into the kitchen as well. Only

Pauline could hold up a chicken and say, "My oh my, you are such a plump and beautiful looking bird. It's a shame we have to eat you". None of what has been said is meant to imply that Pauline was perfect, as none of us are. But she, like all parents, tried to be the best parent she could be. That should cause us to be a little kinder and more understanding with our parents. If our parents are gone, they are still pulling and rooting for us, and their spirit can live through us if we imitate their good points. The family wishes to thank the staff at Wingate of South Hadley for their kindness and support, as well as all the doctors and nurses who have helped Pauline throughout the years. Thank you to Drs. Ann Shain, Joseph Flack III, John Zimmerman and Marc Norris, with a special appreciation to Dr. Jeffrey Kaufman for his care and kindness. Pauline was predeceased in 2007 by her beloved husband, Chester S. Marciniak, and is survived by her loving son, Chester Marciniak of South Hadley; her sister, Helen Emery of Chicopee; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Rose Bogdanovich, Sophie Skrobacki, and Josephine Caldwell, and her brothers, Andrew, Alexander, and Stanley Skrobacki. While at Brandon Woods, Pauline received a plaque in honor of her work in the kitchen and as a hostess. The plaque included a quotation from Godfrey Goodman, which is very appropriate for Pauline: "Good nature is the very air of a good mind, the sign of a large and generous soul, and the peculiar soil in which virtue prospers". I understand that earlier today a new position has opened in heaven. It requires the person to be hard-working and to have a zest for life. And most importantly, to have a warm, kind and smiling heart. That position has now been filled, and filled to the overflowing level. Good luck in your new position, mom. Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial for Pauline on Tuesday at 9:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica, 566 Front St., Chicopee. Rites of Committal will follow at 11AM in the chapel of the MA Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anne Church, 30 College St., Chicopee, MA 01020.



# Cemetery Details

## Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

1390 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

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