



Peter A. Kumiega

March 28, 2026

Peter Anthony Kumiega, 90, passed away at home on Saturday March 28th, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Born in Chicopee, son of the late Peter & Lena (Wojcik) Kumiega, he was a man of ideas, relentless energy and leadership. Before he was twenty years old, Peter had started or run three successful businesses. Also, a talented athlete, he was drafted by the Boston Braves. A proud U.S. Army veteran, Peter won commendations & citations for his marksmanship as well as great praise from his commanding officer, 2-star Major General S.B. Mason. After his military service, he restarted his career by joining Friendly Corp., moving from entry level to head of Research & Development. During this time, he introduced new products, improved procedures and increased profitability, playing an important role in the growth and success of the company. Peter left the company after purchasing the Jim Dandy chain, where he successfully doubled its size before his retirement. Once retired, he acquired the University Driving School where he enjoyed bringing driving skills to adults. Whether working in the yard, playing golf, or researching an investment, Peter was always looking for a better way: to make the shot, to improve, to cook, to invest. A remarkable man! Peter is survived by his loving children, son Peter and wife Bonnie, and daughters, Karen, Jackie & husband Sandy Liu, and Sharon; and two cherished grandchildren, Kelsey and Jeremy Liu. He leaves his life partner of thirty-eight years, Mary Eliz Mari, her daughters, Andrea and Claudia, and granddaughter, Grace. Also, his brother, Ronald and wife Debbie, and

nephews, Craig and wife Melissa, Christopher, and Ryan and wife Amanda and their children. He was preceded in death by his brother Anthony, as well as former wife, Rita.

His family expresses special thanks to Marc Pearl and Michael Fabrizzi, for their kindness and love in caring for Peter.

Funeral services for Peter will be held Friday, April 17th, in St. Stanislaus Basilica, 566 Front St, Chicopee, with visitation at the church beginning at 9:30AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10AM. Committal service with Military Honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Chicopee. In lieu of flowers, his family welcomes donations to American Parkinson's Disease Assoc. of Massachusetts, 15 S Main St, P.O. Box 272 Sharon MA 02067.

Cemetery Details

St Stanislaus Cemetery

Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ Peter was such a wonderful gentleman. I had the pleasure of working for and with Peter and found him to be such a perfect boss, polite, caring and so full of information. I learned so much from him. He had so much patience and truly enjoyed helping others. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Kathy Brunelle

Kathy Brunelle - April 17 at 07:39 AM

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Thank you for the kind words, Kathy. He spoke fondly of you as well. It was a pleasure to meet you. Jackie

Jacqueline Kumiega - May 12 at 02:40 PM