



Philip Bogdanovich

December 14, 1922 - August 9, 2015

Philip Bogdanovich, 92, passed away on August 9, 2015 at the Holyoke Soldiers Home. He was born in Tolland, CT, son of the late Frank and Olga (Mielnikowski) Bogdanovich. During the Depression, the family relocated to Chicopee, where Philip lived for nearly eighty years before moving to Keystone Commons in Ludlow in 2009. Philip attended local schools and served in the US Army Air Corp. during World War II, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He served in Saipan and Iwo Jima with the B-29s of the 498th Bomb Group. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, American Theater Campaign Medal, and World War II Victory Medal Presidential Unit Citation with two Oak-Leaf Clusters. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to his bride in Chicopee and continued his employment as a machinist at Savage Arms, where he remained for 45 years until retirement. He was a member of the 73rd Bomb Wing Association, Savage Arms 25-Year Club, and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Philip was a devoted husband to Gladys (Bys) Bogdanovich to whom he was happily married for 63 years until her passing in 2005. He was a loving father to their daughter, Patricia Etkin, and her partner, Richard Turschman, of East Longmeadow. Philip is also survived by his sister, Helen Pycko, of Ludlow and brothers George Bogdanovich (and his wife Donna) of Mansfield, CT, and Frank Bogdanovich (and his wife Sandra) of Chicopee; sister-in-law Carol Bogdanovich and brother-in-law Stanley Bys, as well as many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers Michael, Henry and William; and sisters Rose Barnard, Katherine Cyran, and Elizabeth Chandler. Determined and hard working, Philip built his own home in the late 1950's, working nights and weekends for three years, until its completion. Well into his 80's, he still enjoyed putting around his home and meticulous yard, always looking forward to his next project. Kind, gentle and unassuming, he devoted his life to his entire family, always willing to lend a helping hand or find a solution to a problem. He will be forever loved, remembered, and sadly missed. Funeral services will be held Friday at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, beginning with an hour of visitation at 10AM followed by a Prayer Service of Remembrance at 11AM. Burial, with military honors, will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Philip's family wishes to thank the staff and volunteers of the Holyoke Soldiers Home Comfort Care Unit for their kind and compassionate care. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Holyoke Soldiers Home, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040. In Philip's memory, the family asks that a random act of kindness be done, whenever possible, for someone in need.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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