



Stanley F. Lyko

December 12, 1919 - October 25, 2022

Stanley F. Lyko, 102, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at JGS Lifecare, with loving family at his side. Born December 12, 1919, son of the late Jan and Stefania (Ziemniak) Lyko, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. A graduate of Chicopee High School, Stanley was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Basilica. He was a WWII US Army veteran, and served his country as an expert M-1 Rifleman, receiving many awards. He received training in a machine shop and was also a canteen steward for the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the Depression. Stanley started working in the 1940's at the Springfield Armory, where he worked as a gauge maker and inspector for over thirty years. Stanley also worked for gun designer John Guerin, who invented the M-1 Garand rifle. An incredible athlete, Stanley played softball, basketball, and golf. He was also an expert candlepin bowler. His bowling team, the "Stanley's Steamers" frequently came in first place. Additionally, he was also a great dancer, with square dancing and polka dancing among his favorites. At Leavitt Family Jewish Home, Stanley was a giver, not a taker. Perhaps his good nature and generous spirit are the real reasons for his longevity. Stanley was predeceased in 1987 by his beloved wife of over forty years, Jane M. (Guzik) Lyko, and also predeceased by his brother, Frank Lyko, and sister, Mary Winiarski. He is survived by his loving, dedicated daughters, Deanna F. Burke and husband Gregory "Rex", of Shaftbury, VT, and Darlene S. Lyko and partner Paul Hughes, of Chicopee; cherished grandchildren, Tawnya Trotta and husband Nicholas of NJ, and

Bryan Burke and wife Sara of Westford; treasured great-grandchildren, Alexander, Elyse, Samantha and Cora; and caring nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Stanley will be held Wednesday, November 2nd, from Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30AM in St. Stanislaus Basilica. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday from 8:30-10:15AM. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Stanislaus School, 534 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica
Chicopee, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *What an inspiration Uncle Stanley was to our family, always so kind and appreciative of our visits, immediately offering us soda and whatever goodies he had on hand, just as his lovely wife, Cioci Jane had done. At Weddings and special family parties he had us out on the dance floors, doing the polkas. He was never out of breath. And he used his influence to get us pierogis after hours from St. Stan’s School, which made our sons very happy. So thankful to have had him as our very special “Uncle Stanley”.*

Frances Kapinos - November 01, 2022 at 10:15 PM

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“ *Ralph, Ralphie and I were blessed with the chance to get to know and be a part of Stanley’s family. We knew him as Great Papa and he was exactly that. We witnessed him playing with his great grandchildren, taking care of his beloved dog Archie, and love and be loved by all his family, especially his granddaughter Tawnya who simply adored him. Through her we had the honor to be a part of Great- Papas life. He was a great man, kind, loving and full of spirit. We were able to celebrate his 100th year with him and that was just so wonderful we will never forget it. He will live on in our hearts and through our memories. Our most sincere condolences to all his family for their loss. Love, Nicole Rossini*

Nicole Rossini - October 29, 2022 at 11:43 PM