



Stephen S. Cichonski

May 17, 1918 - March 14, 2017

Stephen S. Cichonski, 98, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Soldiers Home in Holyoke. Born May 17, 1918, son of the late Michael and Salomea (Koczwara) Cichonski, he was a lifelong Chicopee resident. Stephen was a graduate of Chicopee High School, where he played football, and later continued his education at Bay Path College. A US Army Air Corps veteran of WWII, he served in the European Theatre of Operation as maintenance crew chief and later in the inspection branch with the 8th Air Force. After discharge, Stephen joined the 104th Air National Guard Unit at Barnes Field in Westfield, continuing his thirty-six year military career as a mechanic, flight line chief, and supervisor, gaining the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. A communicant of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Stephen served as a member of the Holy Name Society, parish choir member and past president of the choir. He was a past commander and county commander of the William F. Davitt VFW Post 625, a life member of the Chicopee Elks Lodge 1849, former scout master and organizer of BSA Troop 31, and held memberships in the Polish Roman Catholic Union, the Retired State Employees Association and the Westover NCO Club. In his earlier years he took an active part in sandlot baseball as a coach and manager. An avid Red Sox and Patriots fan, Stephen enjoyed his retirement years by sharing his culinary skills with family and friends and spending time woodworking. Stephen was predeceased on February 1, 2017 by his beloved wife of seventy-one years, Violet Cichonski, and is survived by his loving children,

Susan Mulak and husband Steven of Chicopee, Michael Cichonski and wife Dorothy of Westfield, and Stephen Cichonski of Chicopee and partner Alina Czachor; cherished grandchildren, Jennifer Mulak, Sharon Gates and husband Kris, Jeffrey Cichonski and wife Amy, Robert Cichonski, and David Cichonski; five cherished great-granddaughters, Ava and Megan Cichonski, and Kendall, Olivia and Corrine Gates; sister, Phyllis Kos of Chicopee; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Emily Cichonski, and brother, Longin Cichonski. Funeral services for Stephen will be held Saturday at 9:30AM 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 Friday from 4-7PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery-

800 Montgomery St.
Chicopee, MA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kozikowski Funeral Home
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Service

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Basilica_
566 Front St.
Chicopee, MA