



## Mr. John G. Szymanski

October 2, 1926 - October 31, 2017

Mr. John G. Szymanski, 91, of Adams, died Tuesday afternoon, October 31, 2017, at Williamstown Commons.

He was born in Pittsfield on October 2, 1926, a son of the late Joseph and Teofilia (Zadroga) Szymanski, and attended Pittsfield schools. He had also attended the Massachusetts State Police Training Academy in Framingham.

He was a Veteran of World War II, serving with the Army Medical Corps in the Pacific Theater, until his Honorable Discharge as a Sergeant in 1946. He later served as a member of Massachusetts National Guard 104th Infantry Division as First Sergeant of Headquarters Company.

John last worked as a winder in the Power Transformer division of General Electric Co. in Pittsfield until retiring. Earlier, he served as a police officer for the Town of Adams until retiring from the force in 1967.

He was an active communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, where he served as a lector, as a Eucharistic minister visiting shut-ins with communion on First Fridays; and was a member of the Parish Council, the St. John Kanty Scholarship Committee, St. Cecelia's Choir, and many other committees. He was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Adams Lodge of Elks. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he served as a Fourth Degree Past Faithful Navigator and member of its Honor Guard. He was a volunteer at North Adams Regional Hospital for many years.

His wife, the former Flora K. Nowak, whom he married on August 30, 1947, died on August 11, 2005.

He is survived by his two sons, David Szymanski and his wife, Elizabeth, of Bellevue, Nebraska; and Paul Szymanski and his wife, Arlene, of Attleboro, MA;

Five grandchildren, including Kerri Brainard and her husband, James; Mark Szymanski and his wife, Lisa; Kyle Szymanski, Laura Szymanski and Kate Szymanski; a great granddaughter, Callie; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Szymanski; and by his sisters Leona Raino, Rose Siok, Stephanie LeBlanc and Irene Golyzniak.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, at 9:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL

HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Friday, from 4 to 6 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Stanislaus School, 108 Summer St. Adams, MA 01220.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to [www.paciorekfuneral.com](http://www.paciorekfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss Johnny dearly. Unfortunately we will not be able to make the trip. We're so glad we made the trip to see him and Monie a couple of years ago. Our love to the whole family, you are in our prayers

Edmund Nowak - June 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

TG

“ David and Paul, Our condolences on the loss of your Dad and my Uncle Johnny. He was a great guy. I was able to talk with him several times over the past couple of years connecting him and my mother. He was always interesting to talk with. Tom and Cate

Tom and Cate GAYLE - June 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

CF

“ David and Paul and families, We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Johnny's passing. He was such a wonderful man. I was lucky enough to talk to him a few months ago - right after his long hospital stay. It had been so fun to connect with him a bit through Facebook. It is one of the very few positives of social media. It was awesome knowing that he could see pics of my family and especially his great nieces. I had hoped he was doing better. I'm so sorry that he was unable to recover completely. He will be sorely missed. I'm so sorry none of the Nowak family will be able to make the service. I really apologize for not being there. Unfortunately, it just isn't possible with such short notice. I know how hard this must already be with everyone so spread out. God bless you all. We will make a donation to his church in his memory. Love Cindy, Scott, Sasha and Danica (Nowak) Franklin

Cindy Nowak Franklin - June 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

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“ David and Paul and families, we were so sorry to hear that Uncle Johnny past away. I was so fortunate to see him a couple of years ago when I brought my parents out to see him and Aunt Monie. He was the consummate host taking us around Adams. Your Dad had a great sense of humor, that's what I will remember most. I'm sorry we can't make it out there but please know that your families are on our thoughts and in our prayers. Love, Keith, Sharon, Eric, Alyssa, and Natalie Nowak

Keith Nowak - June 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

DL

“ *David and Paul we are very sorry reading about uncle Jon our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time Don and Jan*

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**Don LeBlanc** - June 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM

DZ

“ *David, Paul and families: Very sorry to hear of Johns passing. He and I reconnected thru the Knights of Columbus, several years ago. We also were Facebook friends over the last few years. Sorry that I was not able to attend either the wake or funeral. He and you will be in our prayers.*

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**Dennis Zepka** - June 07, 2018 at 10:59 AM