



## John Maziarz

May 10, 2008

Mr. John Donald Maziarz, 73, of 1 Dubis St., Adams, died on Monday May 5, 2008, at Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield.

He was born in Pittsfield on August 4, 1934, the son of the late John and Aniela (Fryc) Maziarz. He attended schools in Adams and graduated from the former Adams High School. He then received his Masters in Artistry from Columbia University in New York City.

He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, having served with the United States Army.

Mr. Maziarz worked as a Art Instructor for over 30 years at the Mount Greylock Regional High School, Williamstown.

He was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams. He was a longtime member of the Mountain Club, St. Stanislaus Kostka Society, and the Adams Lions Club, all of Adams. He was also a member of the Silver Grays and the Massachusetts Art Alumni. He was an avid supporter of Mass Moca, North Adams.

His wife the former Cecilia E. Zawislak, whom he married on November 23, 1961, died on August 28, 2001.

He is survived by;

1 Son - Jeffrey J. Maziarz of Springfield;

1 Daughter - Liane C. Maziarz of Adams, and 1 Grandson - Vale N. Maziarz of Adams.

The funeral will be held on Saturday May 10, at 11:00AM from the PACIOREK

FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:00 NOON in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams.

Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Friday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Stanislaus Church or St. Stanislaus School through the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ We got to know John years ago when his Silver Greys became part of our ritual in celebrating Col. Ephraim Williams Birthday here at The Williams Inn. He used to be such an active part of their organization and he looked great all dressed up! We know he has been failing over the years and he would come anyway just to see the fellas even when he could no longer participate. We are saddened at his loss and will miss him.

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“ Mr. Maziarz was my art teacher at Mt Greylock in the mid-1960's. I really enjoyed the class and learned a lot from his relaxed and fun, but professional, teaching style. My favorite memory is the first class, when he said we would be seeing nudes in some paintings throughout the year. If we needed to titter or giggle, we should do it now and get over it. He went on to show slide after slide of paintings of nudes. It was a very effective teaching strategy for 16 year olds. My sympathies to his family.

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“ I just found out that John has passed. Somehow I lost track of the Maziarz family after our parents passed.

John's mother and Dad were great friends with my folks, Stella ( Kiluk) and Andrew Twarog . John'sMother and my Father grew up in Poland together.

John was my escort to the Polonaise Ball in Spfld...

My memory is of going to their home and running to the swinging bridge near Staples St.

I am so sorry I did not know so I could have said good bye. I have one of his earliest paintings of the mountain landscape.i believe he was in high school when he gave this to Mom and Dad. Fond memories of years ago. His Dad also made all our eye glasses.....

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“ *Mr. Maziarz was my art teacher in the 1960's and made my world permanently larger, and more interesting in the most fundamental and profound ways. He was a fabulous teacher, and a larger than life character for us at Mt. Greylock.*

*I remember one day in English class, when the atmosphere of the class had sort of become a half conscious buzz, Mr. Maziarz burst into the room, shouting something, or singing, and wearing a viking's helmet, with two big horns sticking out of either side of his head. He was wild and magnificent, and his eyes glittered with delight!*

*He taught me so much about art, and art history that I will always be in his debt.*

*My deep sympathy to you, his family.*

*With gratitude for his life, and sorrow in his death,  
Sandra Garlington Briney*

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“ *Mr. Maziarz was my art teacher for two years at My Greylock from 1964-66. Many of my fondest memories were in his art room and on stage building sets. It was my home away from home. If I think of high school, I think of that place because he made it possible to live and breathe and become ourselves, with humor and creativity. I remember him teaching us what to do when visiting an art show: "Look at the work, hum and say, "Ah, interesting..." and he was always so.*

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“ I was a student at Mount Greylock in the early 80's. Mr. Maziarz's art room was a magical place where kids came from all different walks of life to lose themselves in art. Everyone was welcome there at any time. Mr. Maziarz was the most welcoming, kind, open person, who encouraged us all to find our own voice and vision. What an enormous impact he had on the young adults of our community. I am now a biology professor in California, but my mom sent me the obituary. I would like the Maziarz family to know how much I have appreciated and admired John Maziarz over all these years.

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June 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM