



## John F. Socha

January 1, 1921 - September 24, 2013

Mr. John Francis Socha, 92, of 25 Richmond Lane, Adams, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday afternoon, September 24, 2013, with his family by his side.

He was born in Adams on January 1, 1921, a son of the late Joseph and Bronislawa (Dzierga) Socha, and graduated from St. Stanislaus Elementary School, Adams.

John was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant with Co. A of the 398th Infantry Regiment in the European Theater. He saw heavy fighting and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat, and the Bronze Star Medal for valor in combat. He was Honorably Discharged in 1946.

Mr. Socha last worked as a security guard in the Ordnance Division of General Electric in Pittsfield, retiring in 1986. Earlier, he had worked at the former Arnold Print Works in Adams.

He was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, and was a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society. He was a fan of the Patriots and Red Sox, but especially enjoyed cultivating his extensive blueberry crop, which he took great pride in.

His wife, the former Stella J. Gajda, whom he married on May 25, 1946, died on January 17, 1981.

He is survived by 2 daughters, Janice McConnell and her husband, Arthur, of Cheshire; and Patricia Socha of Adams;

a granddaughter, Marla Egan and her husband, Dennis, of Coatesville, PA; 3 Great Grandchildren, Avery, Addison and Ryder Egan; a brother, Stanley Socha of Chapel Hill, NC; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was predeceased by 4 brothers, Stephen, Louis, Walter and Frank Socha; and by 2 sisters, Julia Dwileski and Helen Wrzochalski.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th, 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.

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

Memorial donations may be made to St. Stanislaus School, 108 Summer St. Adams, MA 01220; or to the VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire, 99 Hospital Ave. North Adams, MA 01247.

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

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Janice, Pat and family, We are so sorry to read of your Dad's passing....you are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe and Chris Milesi*

Chris Milesi - June 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM

PB

“ *Jan, Patty, Art & family Papa John was a dziadzu to all of us. We'll miss seeing him on his daily walks, as well as his wise words to not only us, but to our children and grandchildren. He is happy now being with your mom. Love, Pat, Erik, Adam & Justin*

Pat Brassard - June 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM

DM

“ *we are so sorry for your loss...you are in our thoughts and prayers*

dave and tracy meczywor - June 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM

LH

“ *Jan and Pat, I will always remember the great times we shared with your Dad at your home. He was always laughing and joining in on the fun. He loved his girls and will always be with you in the cherished memories you have of him. God Bless him, you and your families.*

Leslie Parrott Hart - June 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM

EC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I send my love to Pat and her family. I wish I could be there with you.*

Eileen Charon - June 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ *Dear Pat and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May the loving memories of your Father help comfort you at this difficult time. Very sorry for your loss. Diane & Kevin Whalen*

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June 07, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ *John F. Socha*

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September 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jan and family, my sincere condolences on the loss of your dad.*

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September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM