



Stella R. Gwozdz

August 4, 1915 - August 12, 2009

Stella Rose (Iwanowicz) Gwozdz, 94, of 82 East Rd., Adams, died at home at midnight, Wednesday, August 12, 2009 after a long illness.

One of seven children, Stella was born on August 4, 1915 to Stanislaw and Rozalia (Pisiewski) Iwanowicz at their home and farm in Windsor, MA. She advanced quickly thru Crane grade school and was in the first class to attend the then-newly built Pittsfield High School, graduating in 1932 at the age of sixteen. One year later, she graduated from Berkshire Business College having completed the Secretarial Course of Study, and she utilized those skills for a number of years employed at A.H. Rice Co in Pittsfield.

On July 26, 1941 she married Stanley F. Gwozdz of Adams, proprietor of the Orange Squeeze Bottling Company. In addition to raising twelve children and sending them all to college, she worked as bookkeeper and sales woman in the family soda business alongside Stanley who died on August 5, 1978, and then with her son Ted, until the company closed in 2000. Many may remember her as 'the lady' with the radiant smile, warm embrace and/or a free soda for customers of all ages. She loved to knit, crochet, sew, cook, sing, do crosswords and reminisce about her early life of farming with her family. She was a member of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, the Polish Women's Alliance and the St. Stanislaus Kostka Rosary Sodality.

Stella leaves 89 loving immediate family members, including;

6 daughters: Rosalie Rogers of Briarcliff Manor, NY; Helen Miller and husband Fred of Lebanon, NJ; Frances Naan and husband John of Treasure Island,

FL; Jane Lull and husband Nathan of North Adams; Cecelia Kaluza and husband Piotr of Madison, CT; Mary Gwozdz of Adams.

5 sons: Peter Gwozdz and wife Barbara of Cupertino, CA; Paul Gwozdz and wife Mary Ellen of Troy, NY; Casey Gwozdz of St. Petersburg, FL; Ted Gwozdz of Adams; Matthew Gwozdz and wife Mary of Amsterdam, NY.

26 Grandchildren, 30 Great Grandchildren, 22 in-laws, numerous nieces, nephews, other extended family and caregivers. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Joan Bodzioch and her husband, Anthony, of North Kingston, R.I.

Besides her husband Stanley, other deceased loved ones include her son Mark F Gwozdz, grandson Stanley Gwozdz, two sisters Felixia Wesolowski and Wanda Skrocki, and four brothers Chester, Napoleon, Walter and Alexander Iwanowicz.

The funeral will be on Wednesday, August 19, at 9:00AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00AM in the Parish Church of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Daniel J. Boyle, Pastor.

Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the funeral home. Members of the St. Stanislaus Rosary Sodality will meet at the funeral home at 3:40PM Tuesday to pay their respects and recite the rosary.

Memorial donations may be made to VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire, to Elder Services of Berkshire County or to St. Stanislaus Kostka School through the funeral home

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Cecelia, Mary and Family ,

Please accept my sincere sympathy on the death of your mom.

I will always remember my visit with her in the Berkshires.

I am thinking of you and you are in my prayers during this time of sorrow.

*with love and sympathy,
Helena Novak*

November 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hi Ted, Matt, Mary, and family. I was very sorry to here about your Mom's passing. I just heard today. Your Mom was a very special woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. TC, Dan

August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Teddy & family. We were so sorry to hear about your mom passing. She was a special lady for sure. She touched all our hearts. Laurie & I have a lot of great memories about her. She surely was a gem. She will always live on in all our hearts. Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.
From Donna Delorey & Laurie Bissailon

August 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paul, Mary Ellen & Family: I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing - she sounds like she was a wonderful lady. You will have many memories of her 94 years in your family. The Angels are rejoicing as she re-joins with her beloved husband. God bless you all during this time of loss and grief. My prayers are with you. Blessings! Dottie and Milt*

August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy and condolences for the loss of your beloved mother. We remember her fondly from a old time friend and neighbor. From Helen Kogut Gigliotti, and family Rose MacDonald, Kaz Kogut and Helen McRory,*

August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Matt, Mary & Family: As you deal with the loss of your beloved Mom, may the One who "was a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief" and who "carries our sorrows" (Isaiah 53: 3, 4) bring you and yours strength and comfort in the days ahead. Death brings temporary physical separation, but His life in us brings eternal life together.*
Our love and prayers,
Pastor Dave & Judy

August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary & Ted and family*

*It was a great pleasure to take care of your mom she blessed me in many ways.. I'm gonna miss my stella ella bella..i love to see her smile..she was a beautiful lady I enjoyed spending time with her..singing to me...naming all her children to me. i know she in heaven now and smiling down on all of us who have been bless to have been in her life
Tracy*

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“ Dear Cecelia and Family,

Our deepest sympathy and condolences for the loss of your beloved Mother.

Fr. Monzon Gonzague celebrated a Mass on her soul at the Calvary of the Holy Sepulcher on Friday August 15,09 at 6:00am.

What a special Mass to be on Aug.15 Assumption of Mary !

May God Bless her soul.

*Habib , Katia Khoury & Family
Jerusalem*

August 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ciocia Stella was a great lady. I fondly remember her smile at the soda plant and the wonderful days growing up, visiting and playing on East Rd. She typed my first term paper for me many years ago because we did not have a typewriter at home. I know she was welcomed into heaven with open arms, and now is enjoying the "paradise of God"!*

August 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Matt and Mary, So sorry to hear about the loss of Matts mom. We send our deepest condolences to you and your family. I know she was a most loved mother and you will miss her dearly. We send you both our love and the comfort of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May He bless you with His presnece at this time. Pat and Claudia

August 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Ciocia Stella's passing, yet I'm also so glad for her! She's off on the greatest adventure of her life now, as heaven surely gains another saint. May Jesus and Our Lady welcome her with the warmth and love she showed to those around her all her life. Wieczny odpoczynek, Cioc, we'll always remember you!

August 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Mary, Ted and Gwzodz family,

My deepest sympathies and condolences! I am holding you in my thoughts and prayers at this time of your loss. Your Mom was truly a gem! She had the sweetest most gentle disposition any Mom of 12 could have :). I know she will be missed and always treasured and remembered fondly. May your deep faith in the Lord and Saviour sustain you and give you strength during this difficult time.

March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *A Mom's passing..many wonderful memories. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this time. May our precious Lord & Savior comfort you, granting you and your family peace that passes all understanding;keeping your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.Pastor Larry and Cindy*

March 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM