



Mr. Theodore " Joe " Hoczela

December 28, 1931 - October 19, 2016

Mr. Theodore Joseph "Joe" Hoczela, 84, of Adams, died Wednesday afternoon, October 19, 2016, at Williamstown Commons.

He was born in Adams on December 28, 1931, a son of the late Joseph and Leona (Lepak) Hoczela. He attended Adams schools, and graduated from the former Adams High School with the Class of 1949.

Joe was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the 39th Infantry Regiment of the US Army, stationed in Germany, until his Honorable Discharge in 1954.

He last worked for the US Postal Service at the Adams Post Office, first as a carrier, and later as a clerk, until retiring after 34 years of service. Earlier, he had worked at the former Berkshire Fine Spinning Co. and the former Arnold Print Works in Adams, and at General Electric Co. in Pittsfield.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, and was a member of the former St. Stanislaus Kostka Society. He enjoyed traveling and attending Polish music festivals with his wife, and was an avid bowler.

In his younger years, he played semi-pro basketball for the Adams Saints, and had twice played against the Harlem Globetrotters.

Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Kathleen T. Caffrey, whom he married on October 13, 1956 in the former St. Francis of Assisi Church, North Adams;

his daughter, Anne Louise Aldrich of Cheshire; his son, Joseph Hoczela of

New Fairfield, CT;

two grandsons, Joseph and Jeffrey Hoczela of North Carolina; a granddaughter, Caitlin, of Bedford, MA;

a great granddaughter, Emily, of North Carolina; his nephew, Frederick Sawyer and his wife, Donna, of Savoy; a niece, Virginia Girard and her husband, Michael, of Connecticut, as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He also leaves his furry companions, Jessie and Smokey.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Freida Sawyer; and his step-brothers, Edward, Frank and John Stefanski.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, 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, celebrated by Rev. Robert Miskell.

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

Calling hours are today, Friday, from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Our condolences for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.*

Severine et Bertrand CURTIL - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

EH

“ *Dear Kathy, My sincere condolences on the passing of Joe. Know that he is no longer suffering and is at peace. May happy memories comfort you as you adjust to life without him by your side. We had some good conversations at Mt. Greylock Bowl. He was a good man.*

Esther Herrick - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ *Condolences to the Hoczela Family, Joe was our neighbor on Fisk Road for years and always had a kind smile and warm greeting.*

Denise George Svenconis - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

EM

“ *Sincere condolences to the Hoczela family. Joe was a nice man and kind neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ellen (Fitzpatrick) and Robert Morandi.*

Ellen Morandi - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

MK

“ *Dear Kathy! I'm so sorry to hear on the passing of Joe. We had some great polka trips together. He was fun to be around at the Polish picnics and dances. I'm sure he is dancing up a storm in heaven.*

Marianne Kolodziej - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

JC

“ our deepest sympathy to kathie and her family, we remeber joe when u both bowled .. so very sorry for your loss. jackie and bill cote

jacqueline cote - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

BZ

“ I just read the news today. My deepest sympathies to Kathy, Joe, Anne, Joey, Jeff, and Caitlin. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Beth Ziemba - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

JM

“ I had fond memories of visiting with my father's step-brother in our family home in Smithville, OH and also his home in Adams, Massachusetts. My husband and I send our deepest sympathy to Kathy, Anne and Joe.Jane (Stefanski) Miller

Jane (Stefanski) Miller - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM

HD

“ Dear Kathy and family,Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We were sorry to hear of Joe's passing. We had fun on our bus trips and cruise and polka dances with you and Joe. God Bless You and stay well.

Happy Louie and Julie Dusseault - June 07, 2018 at 11:19 AM