



Mr. Thomas I. Prokopowicz

July 16, 1932 - June 15, 2019

Mr. Thomas I. Prokopowicz, 86, of Adams, died on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Susquehanna, PA on July 16, 1932, son of the late Ignatius and Stefania (Madej) Prokopowicz. He attended schools in Pennsylvania and graduated as Valedictorian from Penn State University with his Master's Degree in Ceramic Engineering.

Mr. Prokopowicz worked as a ceramic engineer for the former Sprague Electric Co., North Adams, until its closing in 1989. He then helped in the founding of MRA Laboratories, Adams.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. He was a member of the Penn State Alumni Association and the American Ceramic Association. He enjoyed gardening, fine dining, reading and politics.

His wife, the former Carolyn J. Sweeney, whom he married on June 22, 1968, died on September 11, 2002.

He is survived by his two sons, Thomas Prokopowicz and his wife Dawn of Adams and Gregory Prokopowicz of Worcester; two sisters, Irene Rakowski of Williamsville, NY and Lorraine Carabetta of Upper St. Claire, PA; one granddaughter, Jennifer Prokopowicz of Adams and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at 9:00 A.M. from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, followed by a Liturgy of

Christian Burial at 10:00 A.M. in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, McKinley Square, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Tuesday from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Melbourne Place Sunshine Club, 140 Melbourne Rd., Pittsfield, MA 01201 or to Elder Services Meals on Wheels, 877 South St., Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
jspaciorek@gmail.com
<https://www.paciorekfuneral.com/>

Liturgy of Christian Burial

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church
McKinley Square
Adams, MA 01220

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Dear Tom and Greg and Family:

I have indicated to you that your dad was my immediate boss in his Quality Control Lab at Sprague Electric. I want to repeat, with the hope others read this too, that he was by far the most able, caring, and compassionate person I have had the good fortune to know. His strength was to clearly assign a task and to trust that it would be completed ably. That's part of the reason I admired him -- he believed in people, in their essential worth. I still to this day, so many years after my work for your dad, have very warm memories of him. He taught a very important lesson that I needed to know at that time, that kindness encourages responsibility. To be able to teach this in his way proves how secure he was in himself and what a great method he had in helping build confidence in others. Not surprisingly, your dad raised two good sons. He is looking down proudly and will continue to do so. I am so sorry about your loss --
Paul Milenski, Author, Dalton, MA

Paul Milenski - June 17, 2019 at 10:05 AM