



Walter F. Kozik

April 15, 1926 - April 17, 2010

Mr. Walter Francis Kozik, 84, of 2 Burnett St. Adams, died Saturday morning, April 17, 2010, at his home.

He was born in Adams on April 15, 1926, a son of the late Jan and Antonina (Brzezowska) Kozik. He attended St. Stanislaus Kostka Elementary School, and graduated from the former Adams High School in 1943.

Following his graduation, Mr. Kozik enrolled in the Management Training Program at the Philco Corp. in Philadelphia for 9 months. He then enlisted in the US Marine Corps, and served during World War II in the Pacific Theater as a radar operator until his Honorable Discharge as a Corporal. While in the Pacific, he was staged with his unit as part of the force that was to invade mainland Japan.

Following his discharge, he attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and lived on Dupont Circle in the Georgetown section of the city, until returning to Adams. He then went to work at General Electric Co. in Pittsfield, where he was a group leader in the Ordnance Division until retiring in 1988 with 41 years of service.

He was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Adams, and was a member and Past President of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Society. He was a member of St. Michael's Society; Adams Post 160 American Legion, the Adams Lodge of Elks, and the General Electric Quarter Century and Pensioner's clubs. He had been a co-president of the former Adams Co-operative Bakery Association. He was active in town affairs for many years,

and served on the Adams Finance Committee for 23 years, as well as on the Adams Personnel Board and the Adams Housing Authority.

He enjoyed playing Bridge, doing crossword puzzles and gardening. He enjoyed sports and was an avid New York Yankee fan.

His wife, the former Dorothy M. Loc, whom he married on September 6, 1952, died on November 4, 2006.

He is survived by a son, David Kozik and his wife, Patricia, of Maynard, MA; 3 daughters, Karen Sherman and her husband, Richard, of Pittsfield; Pamela Kozik of South Windsor, CT and Suzanne Koperniak and her husband, Paul, of Nashua, N.H.;

2 sisters, Helen Duprey of Canton, CT and Frances Pikul of Adams;

4 grandchildren, Bryan and Kevin Kozik and Jacob and Julia Koperniak;

2 step Grandchildren, Heather Koperniak and Scott Sherman, and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces & grandnephews

He was predeceased by 5 brothers, Isadore, Stanley, Matthew, Frank and Edwin Kozik, and by 2 sisters, Isabelle Lipinski and Amella Trottier.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, April 21st, 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 the Parish Church of Pope John Paul the Great, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Daniel J. Boyle, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Adams.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association through the funeral home.