



## Irene A. Szymanski

May 11, 1941 - May 16, 2024

Irene A. (Rostek) Szymanski, 83, of Florence, passed away on Thursday May 16, 2024, at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Berlin, Germany on May 11, 1941, to the late Joseph and Marie (Zamolinski) Rostek.

She met and fell in love with her husband Stephen and were soon married on September 1, 1962, in Holyoke. Together they raised their four children in Florence. Irene worked at Yankee Candle Company as a retail associate for many years before her retirement. She was a communicant of Most Holy Redeemer Church in Hadley, where she volunteered as a pierogi pincher during the holiday season. Irene was also a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, where she provided people in need of beautiful shawls as gifts of comfort, hope, and peace.

Irene is survived by her four loving children: her sons, Mark and his wife Beth of Hadley, Matthew and his companion Audra Guimond of Lancaster, her daughters, Marie Cierpial and her husband Bruce Sr. of Chicopee, Melissa Seymour, and her husband Tim of St. Johnsbury, VT, her grandchildren, Michael Geary, Joseph Geary and his wife Paige, Kai and Daniel Szymanski, Devin and Morgan Seymour, and her great-granddaughter, Violet Geary, her sister, Olga Langlois and her husband Norman of Stafford, VA, niece, Gillian Harvey, and nephews, Noel, Christian, and Adrien Langlois.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Stephen Szymanski Jr., and her brother Michael.

Calling hours will be Wednesday May 22, 2024, from 5-7 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF 120 DAMON RD., NORTHAMPTON. Family will receive friends and family on Thursday May 23, 2024, at the Funeral Home from 9:30 – 10:30 AM. Followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 AM at Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Russell St., Hadley. Burial will immediately follow in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Irene's name to American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave, Ste 6, Waltham, MA 02451.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit [Drozdalfuneralhome.com](http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd.  
Northampton, MA 01060  
drozdalfh@aol.com  
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral

MAY **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd.  
Northampton, MA 01060  
drozdalfh@aol.com  
<http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Most Holy Redeemer Parish  
Russell St.  
Hadley, MA 01035

## Burial

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MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
1390 Main St.  
Agawam, MA 01001

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Irene A. Szymanski.* ”



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May 19, 2024 at 06:57 PM