



## Chester Benjamin Piatkowski

December 27, 2019

Chester Benjamin Piatkowski, age 96, passed on December 27, 2019 at Loretto Nursing Home, Syracuse, NY.

Chester was born in Durhamville, NY, attended Verona Schools in Verona, NY and graduated from Vocational High School in 1941. He is a decorated Veteran of the US Navy, and during WWII he was stationed in England, working as an Aviation Petty Officer 2nd Class, repairing PBV planes.

After the war, he was hired by the city of Syracuse as a patrolman for the Syracuse Police force. While serving in the department, he rose to the rank of Sergeant and was in charge of firearms training for the Syracuse Police Department. He also competed on the police pistol teams in competition across New York State, and was extremely proficient as a marksman, with many first place trophies. He was a member of many associations, including: the Polish American Legion Post 14, American Legion Post 113, Police Retirees Association and the Holy Name Society at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Syracuse, NY. He was active in the Seniors at the Syracuse Polish Home. Even in his later years, he enjoyed taking Polish language classes. He was very proud of being an American and Polish by heritage.

Chester is predeceased by his parents George & Anna (Malawana); wife Helen (Orzel); seven siblings: Mary MacDonald, Agnes McBride, John, Frank,

Michael, Josephine and Stella, and a niece Janet Galka. He is survived by his daughter, Joyce Marie Piatkowski Behling; son-in-law, Lawrence Behling; step grand-children, step great-grand children, nephews, nieces and great-nephews and great-nieces.

Calling hours are from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the Giminski-Wysocki Funeral Home, 1320 W. Genesee Street, Syracuse, on Thursday, January 2nd. A Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be at 9:30 AM, January 3rd, with burial following the mass, at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Organ Fund at the Basilica. The family would like to thank the staff at Park Terrace, Community Upstate and Loretto for their care at this most difficult time. Also, the family would like to extend special thanks to many people for their support and prayers.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery, Geddes

200 Salisbury St.  
Geddes, NY, NY 13219

# Previous Events

## Mass

JAN 3. 9:30 AM (ET)

Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
927 Park Ave  
Syracuse, NY 13204-2189  
(315) 422-2343

# Tribute Wall



“ *Chester Benjamin Piatkowski*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *Chester was an integral part of the Syracuse Polish Home for probably 70 years! We will miss him, his charm, his stories and his Polish songs.*

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**Syracuse Polish Home** - December 30, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Dear Joyce,  
I will never forget the kindness your Dad showed my Great Aunt Arlene Bauman. He was also so dedicated to Timmy, especially with his frequent walks. I also enjoyed my frequent visits with him. May he rest in peace.  
Sincerely,  
Nadine Walsh*

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**Nadine Walsh** - December 30, 2019 at 07:56 AM

JC

“ My sincere condolences to Chet's family. He was a well-respected member of SPD for a long time and successfully taught numerous recruits, like myself in the Spring of 1972, how to shoot correctly and accurately - a skill I retained through my last days with SPD in 2013. He was a gentleman, an instructor, and an effective supervisor throughout his police career. Chet always had a smile for everyone who came to the range, whether in the basement of the PSB or the outdoor facility in Split Rock. He has a solid place in SPD history and will be remembered fondly by hundreds of Syracuse PD veterans.

*Rest In Peace, Sarge.*

*John "Kid" Corbett - Lieutenant (retired) SPD*

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**John "Kid" Corbett** - December 29, 2019 at 01:42 PM

JO

“ Joyce, my prayers are with you and your family, at this most difficult time.

*Jim Oldenburg*

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**jim oldenburg** - December 28, 2019 at 02:46 PM