

In Memoriam



Alfreda Liszewski

Alfreda Liszewski (nee Bolc), wife of the late Walter, passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

Alfreda, an extremely kind and humble person, who had a great passion and love for her Polish heritage, was well known in the South Philadelphia and Fairmount sections of Philadelphia, where she helped senior citizens with their social service needs. As a staff member of the Polish American Social Services (PASS) for more than 25 years, she was an efficient and devoted worker. After her retirement from PASS, she became a volunteer at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia. Alfreda loved people, and received much love from others in return.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, January 28, at St. Stanislaus Church in South Philadelphia. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, Polish American Social Services and the entire Polonia extend condolences to her children, Paula, Joanne, Walter, Donna and Sandy, twelve grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and the entire Liszewski family. May she rest in peace.

In Memory of
Casimir Stanislaus Bernas (1914-1963)
 &
Matilda Mary Koma Bernas (1914-2001)
 Offered by
Thomas G. Bernas

Anastasia Witkowski, better known as Anne (nee Chmielewski), wife of the late John, passed away on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Anne, known for her hearty laughter and constant smile, was well known in the Bridesburg and Frankford sections of Philadelphia. As a Polish American Social Services (PASS) staff member for more than 15 years, she helped senior citizens with their social service needs.

She was an active member of St. John Cantius Church in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia as well as a member of St. John Cantius Holy Family Sodality, St. John Cantius Senior Citizens, Polish Beneficial Association, and American Legion Post 821 Auxiliary. Also a member of the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, Anne assisted with various events.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, March 5, at St. John Cantius Church, in the Bridesburg section of Philadelphia. Interment was at Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Bridesburg.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, Polish American Social Services and the entire Polonia extend condolences to her daughter, Christine, two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and the entire Witkowski family. May she rest in peace.



Anne Witkowski

Frank Nicholas Piasecki, a pioneer in the vertical aviation industry, and one of the original inventors of the helicopter, died at his home in Haverford, PA on Monday, February 11, 2008. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Piasecki, an only son of Polish immigrants, Nikodem and Emilia Piasecki, was born in Philadelphia on October 24, 1919. He graduated from Overbrook High School, studied mechanical

engineering at the University of Pennsylvania and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from New York University in 1940.

In 1943, Piasecki developed and flew this country's second successful helicopter, and in 1945, invented the world's first successful tandem rotor helicopter. His achievements in the development of rotorcraft technology have made a tremendous impact on present rotary wing aviation. He was also instrumental in facilitating the certification of the Polish Helicopter, W-3 Sokol, by the Federal Aviation Administration, which made this helicopter marketable all over the world.

In the late 1950's, Mr. Piasecki founded the Piasecki Aircraft Corporation and for the next half-century served as the company's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board.

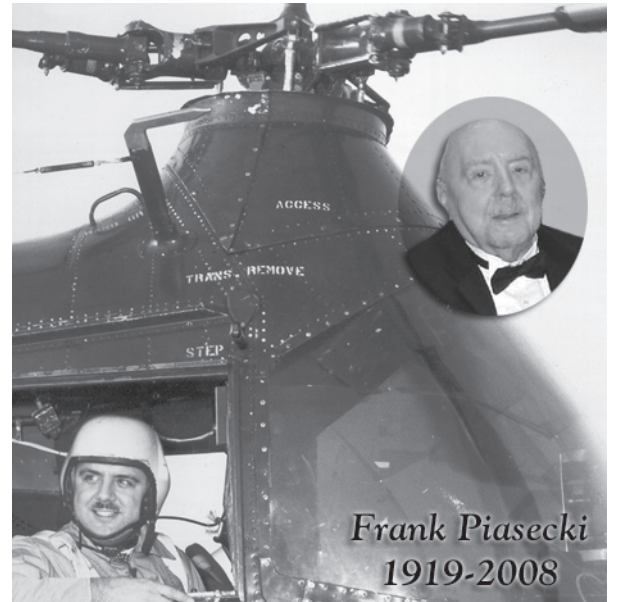
During his 67-year career, Mr. Piasecki was the recipient of 24 patents and numerous honors for his pioneering work. He was given the nation's highest technical award, the National Medal of Technology, by President Ronald Reagan in 1986, and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. Mr. Piasecki was also honored by former Polish President Lech Walesa with the Polish Cross of Merit, one of the nation's highest awards.

Mr. Piasecki served on numerous corporate and charitable boards. He was a director of Crown, Cork and Seal Company (Crown Holdings, Inc.), The American Helicopter Society, The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, The American Helicopter Museum, The Foreign Policy Research Institute, and the Piasecki Foundation.

Always appreciative of his Polish heritage, Mr. Piasecki supported numerous Polish American organizations, including the Polish American Congress, the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, the Polish Heritage Society, the Kosciuszko Foundation, and others. In recognition of his mother Emilia's artistic talent, an award in her name is presented annually at the Adam Styka Art Competition at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA.

Mr. Piasecki is survived by his wife, the former Vivian O'Gara Weyerhaeuser, two daughters, five sons and thirteen grandchildren.

The Polish American Congress, Eastern Pennsylvania District and Polonia extend condolences to the family of Frank Piasecki.



Zdzislaw (Jerry) Piorkowski, 59, perished with two fellow hunters, Jozef Karamuz, 69 and Jan Toryfter, 45, while goose hunting. On Sunday, February 10, they were reported missing by their families. At the time of this printing, the body of Jozef Karamuz has not been found.



Zdzislaw Piorkowski

Piorkowski was well-known in the Polish American community in Philadelphia. He operated the Podhale Travel Service in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia since the '70's, where he provided services to Polish immigrants, including travel packages to Poland and elsewhere.

He began a weekly Polish language television program in the 1980's followed by a weekly radio program called Polish Kaleidoscope, which featured a variety of news and cultural specials on Sunday evenings on WYBE in Philadelphia.

A Memorial Mass was held on Saturday, February 23, at St. Adalbert Church in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia.

Condolences are extended from the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, and Polonia, to Danuta Piorkowska, their sons and the entire Piorkowski family.

In recognition of donations to the
**Polish American Cultural Center
 Museum Exhibit Hall**
 in Memory of
**Emily Jaworowski
 Alfreda Liszewski
 Zdzislaw Piorkowski
 Irene Stankiewicz
 Anne Witkowski**

In Memory of
Frank Romanowski
August 3, 1914 • May 22, 1996
 Offered by Daughter
Theresa Romanowski

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