



Hanna Zofia Gładki, of Ayer

December 30, 1933 - April 28, 2026

Nasza cudowna królowa świata zmarła. Hanna Wojtanowska Gładki died peacefully Tuesday April 28, 2026 at her home in Ayer, MA, she was 92 years old. Hanna, known to her friends and family members as Aka, was born on December 30, 1933 in Kraków, Poland. She graduated with a Doctoral degree in hydraulic engineering from University of Agriculture in Kraków where she met her beloved husband Józef Gładki. Widowed in 1982, Hanna decided to start a new life in the United States along with her daughter Ania Gładki Ekiert, son-in-law George Ekiert, and grandchildren Joe Ekiert and Lulu Ekiert.

Hanna's academic reputation in Europe led her to find a job with Flygt in Stamford, CT, mastering chemical engineering and the English language with determination and great professional achievement. When she retired, the Polytechnical School of Kraków invited her to head up their department of engineering while they searched for a permanent replacement.

Hanna always believed in possibilities and pursuing your wildest dreams with good judgment, strong character, and joy for the delicious things that life has to offer. In her later years she connected with the Ayer community exploring the best local espresso at the Harvard General Store, Acton Coffeehouse as well as places of prayer like St. Nicolas Parish in Ayer and Harvard's St. Theresa Community Church.

Hanna generously gave to charities and her loved ones, she enjoyed flying on vacuum cleaners, visiting the mountains of Zakopane, teasing young people like her nephew Pek, attending the theater, supporting the arts, and inspiring everyone she knew to fight for what they want in life.

Survived by her daughter Ania, son-in-law George, her nephew Pek, his wife Basia and their daughters Klara and Ada, her nephew Wojtek, his wife Milka and their children, her granddaughter Lulu, grandson Joe, his wife Rachel, and her great-granddaughters Penelope and Madeline. We miss you Aka.

All are welcome to join us in the final farewell to our beloved queen of the world.

A Mass will be held on Friday, May 8 at 11:00am in St. Mary's Church, 29 Shirley St, Ayer, MA. Burial will be at 12:00/12:30pm in Bellevue Cemetery, 131 Still River Rd, Harvard, MA, followed by a Celebration of Life gathering at 1:00/1:30pm, Harvard General Store, 1 Still River Rd, Harvard, MA.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

Still River Road
Harvard, MA 01451

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
31 Shirley Street
Ayer, MA 01432

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.*



May 07 at 08:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.*



May 07 at 08:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.*

May 07 at 08:26 PM



“ *Janice Graham*



Janice Graham - May 07 at 07:53 PM

MM

“ Mysia, Larry, Marek & Jamie, Matthew purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.



Mysia, Larry, Marek & Jamie, Matthew - May 06 at 03:53 PM

VF

“ Virginia and the Hildreth family purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.



Virginia and the Hildreth family - May 06 at 01:25 PM

TF

“ Thomas Foley purchased the *Angel's Embrace Bouquet* for the family of Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.



Thomas Foley - May 06 at 10:52 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.



May 06 at 05:10 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Hanna Zofia Gladki.

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Wojtek - May 06 at 02:33 AM



“ Paul Przybyla purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Hanna Zofia Gladki, of Ayer.



Paul Przybyla - May 05 at 03:49 PM