

Bronisław Kawęcki has died — a Solidarity activist and witness to the history of Radom

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Bronisław Kawęcki has died — an activist of NSZZ “Solidarność”, a participant in the democratic opposition, interned under martial law, and a man for years committed to preserving the memory of Radom’s recent history and the events of June 1976. He was 72.

News of his death was given by the Radom branch of the Institute of National Remembrance.

Bronisław Kawęcki was born on 29 April 1954 in Sandomierz. He became involved with Solidarity in September 1980. At Cezal in Radom he helped build the union’s structures. He then became chairman of the workplace commission. He also served on the regional authorities of Solidarity and was a delegate to the First National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ “Solidarność”.

In 1981 he chaired the Social Committee for the Construction of the Monument to the Workers’ Protest of June 1976.

The introduction of martial law meant repression for him. On 13 December 1981 he was detained and interned. He was held, among other places, at isolation centres in Kielce-Piaski and Radom and at the prison hospital in Łódź. After release from internment he was dismissed from work.

Repression did not, however, lead him to abandon opposition activity. In 1982–1988 he distributed underground publications, including *Wolny Robotnik* and *Koncept*. In 1987–1988 he was an editor of *Wolny Robotnik*. He took part in demonstrations, for which he was repressed by the communist authorities.

In 1988 he returned to open activity in the regional structures of Solidarity. A year later he co-founded the Civic Committee of the Radom Land and took part in the campaign before the elections of 4 June 1989.

In later years Kawęcki remained involved in documenting and commemorating the history of Radom. As consultant and assistant director he took part in Wojciech Maciejewski’s films devoted to June 1976 and to Father Roman Kotlarz.

For his work Bronisław Kawęcki was decorated in 2018 with the Cross of Freedom and Solidarity.

Funeral ceremonies will take place on Saturday, 5 September 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Collegiate Church of St John the Baptist in Radom, ul. Rwańska 6.

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