

Farewell to the late Bronisław Kawęcki in Radom

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Presidential adviser Jarosław Margielski took part in the funeral ceremonies for the late Bronisław Kawęcki — a long-time activist linked with Solidarity in Radom. For his work, Bronisław Kawęcki was decorated in 2018 with the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta and the Cross of Freedom and Solidarity.

During the ceremony the adviser read a letter from the President of the Republic of Poland:

– A separate chapter of Bronisław Kawęcki's work — especially close to me as a historian — is his effort to preserve the memory of the heroes and victims of Radom June. Already in 1981 he became chairman of the Social Committee for the Construction of the Monument to the Workers' Protest of June '76 and organised the commemorations of the fifth anniversary of those events. Under martial law he took part in numerous demonstrations commemorating that June. In free Poland he served as consultant and assistant to directors Wojciech Maciejewski and Jacek Gwizdała on the most important films about the events of 1976: *A City under Sentence* and *The Stone*. In a similar way he supported work on films devoted to Father Roman Kotlarz — wrote Karol Nawrocki.

– It is deeply symbolic that in the jubilee Year of the Workers' Protests of June 1976 we bid farewell to a man so devoted to commemorating that uprising. Already in 1981 Bronisław Kawęcki was one of the initiators of the laying of the foundation stone for a monument to the workers' protest — and for decades he carried the memory of Radom June. In recognition of his merits he was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta and the Cross of Freedom and Solidarity. The Homeland will always remember him — he emphasised.

The funeral ceremony took place on 5 September 2026 at the Collegiate Church of St John the Baptist in Radom.

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