

In memory of Bronisław Kawęcki

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On Saturday, 29 August, Bronisław Kawęcki died — a legend of Solidarity in Radom, an activist of the anti-communist opposition and chairman of the Social Committee for the Construction of the Monument to the Workers' Protest of June 1976. He was 72.

Bronisław Kawęcki was an active member of NSZZ “Solidarność” of the Radom Land in 1980–1981. In May 1981 he was elected chairman of the Committee for the Commemoration of the 5th Anniversary of the Workers' Protest “June '76”. He was a delegate to the First National Congress of Delegates of NSZZ “Solidarność” in Gdańsk in autumn 1981. On 13 December 1981 he was interned. He was held in custody in Radom, at the prison hospital in Łódź and at the Isolation Centre in Kielce. He was one of the inspirers of the revolt of internees held at the Isolation Centre in Kielce. He also took part in talks between internees and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross from Geneva, who visited the Remand Centre in Kielce in March 1982. He was released from internment on 7 July 1982. After regaining his freedom he continued activity in underground opposition structures in the Radom voivodeship. He co-edited and distributed opposition literature, including *Wolny Robotnik*, and co-organised and took part in pro-Solidarity demonstrations. In 1983–1989 he was repeatedly detained and summoned for preventive-warning interviews. From 14 October 1988 to February 1989 he was a member of the open Inter-Enterprise Regional Commission of NSZZ “Solidarność” of the Radom Land.

Bronisław Kawęcki was a consultant and assistant director on Wojciech Maciejewski's films: *A City under Sentence*, about the Radom June 1976 events, and *And the Body Shall Quietly Rest in the Grave*, about the life and work of Father Roman Kotlarz.

In 2018 he was decorated by Poland's president with two important state awards for his opposition activity:

- the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta — presented in June 2018 during the commemorations of Radom June '76;

- the Cross of Freedom and Solidarity — conferred by presidential decision in the same year for his contribution to Poland's independence and sovereignty and to respect for human rights under the Polish People's Republic.

In 2021 he suffered a serious stroke.

News of Bronisław Kawęcki's death was shared on Facebook by his daughter.

"Today at 9:00 a.m. my father BRONISŁAW KAWĘCKI passed away. An activist of the anti-communist opposition and Chairman of the Committee for the Construction of the Monument to the Events of Radom June '76," wrote Patrycja Kawęcka-Czerska.

The funeral of Bronisław Kawęcki will take place on Saturday, 5 September, at 11 a.m. in the Collegiate Church of St John the Baptist in Radom.

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