

Professor Stanisław Załuska — biography

Professor Stanisław Załuska, MD was born in Szczuczyn Białostocki in the north-east part of Poland on October 26th 1924 in a teaching family. His father, Jan Załuska, was a teacher in the primary school, while his mother, Kornela (nee Nieniałtowska), was a housewife who played the most important role in the upbringing and education of her two sons: Stanisław and Antoni (also a prospective physician). Stanisław finished primary school in Szczuczyn Białostocki in 1938 and he started attending the Bishops' Grammar School in Sejny just before the outbreak of the Second World War. After September 17, 1939, the eastern part of Poland was under the occupation of the Soviet regime. The 16-year-old Stanisław was deported in April 1940 with his mother and brother Antoni (like 1.7 million Polish citizens of various faiths and ethnic origins) to a special labour camp in the small Siberian town of Seviernyj, on the Irtysz River in northern Kazakhstan. In September 1944 he joined the Polish Army and returned to his fatherland.

In 1944 he began attending the Nicolaus Copernicus National College in Grajewo and he graduated from the class with a mathematics and physics profile in 1947. In the same year, Stanisław began studying in the Medical Department of the Marie Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, where he also obtained his first post in the Department of Human Anatomy. He worked under Professor Mieczysław Stelmasiak, who was one of the most important creators and originators of human anatomy in Poland after the Second World War.



He completed his doctoral dissertation in 1963. His career at the Medical Academy in Lublin was distinguished: Assistant Professor in 1963, Associate Professor in 1973, Extraordinary Professor in 1985, Ordinary Professor in 1992, Director of the Human Anatomy Department in 1984–1995, Vice-dean in 1981–1984, and Vice-rector in 1984–1990.

He was married to Irena Mocarska for 52 years. Both of their children, a daughter and a son, graduated from the Medical Academy in Lublin.

Professor Załuska was a member of the Councils of many Societies, such as the Committee of Basic Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, the Polish Society of Pulmonology and the Polish Society of Anatomy, among others.

He was the recipient of several prestigious awards, including the Medal of the National Education Commission, the title of Meritorious Teacher of Poland, the Gold Merit Cross and the Knight's Cross of the Polish Renaissance Order, among others. Professor Załuska was elected three times as the best teacher and young people's tutor in the Medical Academy in Lublin by the students of the Academy.

He was also known for his clinical activity in the area of lung diseases and tuberculosis, working for 45 years in the Pulmonology and Tuberculosis Department of the Combined Regional Hospital in Lublin.

Profesor Załuska died on May 8th 2002 and is buried in the City Cemetery on ulica Lipowa in Lublin.

*His son — Wojciech Załuska, MD
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