



## Elmer Spisak

March 19, 1919 - March 19, 2010

CRYSTAL FALLS - Elmer G. Spisak, 91, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1919 in Chicago, son of the late George and Christine (Mensik) Spisak. Elmer was raised in Indiana and in 1938 he was the Indiana state wrestling champ. After high school, Elmer joined the Navy during World War II as a physical education instructor.

He also completed four years of college; two years at Purdue University and two years at Northwestern Police Academy. He was the president of St. Michael's Police Guild for 20 years. Elmer was shift commander for the Hammond, Indiana Police Department for 24 years, retiring in 1968. He then took a position at Union Tank Co. in Hammond for 10 years. Elmer's favorite occupation was being a professional Santa in the Chicago area for many years.

On May 26, 1984, Elmer married Geraldine Brewer and they moved to Crystal Falls in 1989. Elmer was a member of the Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls, where he was an usher.

He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion Post

87 in Crystal Falls and the Fraternal Order of Police. Elmer was a volunteer at St. Vincent DePaul for over 17 years. He loved to bowl and was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan.

In addition to his parents, Elmer was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeanette and Gloria.

He is survived and greatly missed by his wife of over 25 years, Geraldine; 3 stepchildren, James (Cissie) Clower, of Cleveland, OH, Richard Clower of Kenosha, WI, and Gary (Tammy) Clower of Tacoma, WA; one brother, Gilbert Spisak of Portage, IN; and two sisters, Georgene Michko of Denver, CO and Geraldine Zamarocy of Orlando, FL. Also surviving are step-grandchildren Amanda Clower, Jason Clower and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls.

The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct a pass-in-review at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will take place Tuesday at noon at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls.

Father Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial with military graveside honors will take place at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Elmer Spisak online at [www.enashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.enashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

MAR **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church  
412 Crystal Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

NG

“ I am thinking of you, Geri and the entire Spisak family at this time. Elmer will be greatly missed by all. God bless.

Nancy Gaasbeck - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Geri, Elmer led a full and interesting life, how wonderful you were able to share a part of it. Remember the good times, be at peace as he is now. Always, Cheryl D. Karney (Chester and Margaret Turcotte's daughter.)

Cheryl D. Karney - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Uncle Elmer, All your relatives down here in Indiana will miss you dearly. You were a favorite uncle. Our prays are with you, Go in Peace. God Bless You. The Gregory Michko Family

Gregory Michko Family - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Gerry, Our Prayers, Thoughts, and Condolences are with you at your time of lost. Love, George & Sue

George and Sue Michko - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *A Blessing from GOD, Elmer is at Rest and in Peace with his Mother and Father and sisters, Jeanette Atwood and Gloria Briggs. We will all miss him. My Mother, Georgine Michko will miss her brother who she always looked up too and has many fond memories, one of playing football in the yard on Indianapolis Blvd to Him playing Santa for us at Christmas. God Bless and Go in Peace Elmer, We Love YOU Dearly. Your Sister, Georgine Michko and Family in Colorado*

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**Grace Michko** - March 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM