



Emil J. Bicigo Jr.

May 5, 1926 - January 30, 2017

Emil J. Bicigo, Jr. 90, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2017 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls. He was born on May 5, 1926 in Crystal Falls, son of the late Emil and Noemi (Meneguzzo) Bicigo, Sr. He attended the Crystal Falls Schools, leaving school early to enlist in the United States Navy. While in the Navy, he served overseas traveling to Okinawa and China on the hospital ship the U.S.S. Repose. Upon being honorably discharged from the Navy, Emil returned to Crystal Falls, going to work in the mines. After the mine closed he moved down state for work where he met and married Dorothy Yates in Toledo, Ohio on January 5, 1952, recently celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

Emil moved his family from Royal Oak, Michigan back to Crystal Falls in 1968. He was the Owner of Bicigo's Shoe Shop, where at one time he either made or repaired shoes for just about all of the residents of the local area. He truly loved making shoes. He also worked as an Electrician for the City of Crystal Falls. Emil was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Tufts-Rondon VFW Post # 2891, the Louis-Bowman American Legion Post #87, and the Crystal Falls Lions Club. He was voted Crystal Falls Citizen of the year in 2010. Emil was a "Jack of all trades". He loved going to his cabin and hunting, especially rabbits which he was head of the local rabbit hunt. He also so loved his Model A pickup. After more than 50 plus years, Emil would finish his high school education, graduating in 2002.

Emil is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy Bicigo of Crystal Falls; sons, Jack (Cheryl) Bicigo and Larry (Tammy) Bicigo all of Crystal Falls; grandchildren, Melanie (Adam) Dempsey, Allyson (Tim) Oysti, Laura (Leonard) Krajewski, Lisa (William) Hanson, Lindsey (Rob) Stoor; great grandchildren, Bryce, Casey, Alex, Devin, Gage, Chase, Lud, and Carter; brother, Robert (Marjorie) Bicigo; sisters, Irma (Francis) Quinney and Marlene Bicigo all of Crystal Falls; a sister in-law, Jeannette Bicigo; and he is further survived by many nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Bicigo; brothers, Bruno and Leo Bicigo; a sister, Iris Bicigo.

The visitation is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Nash Funeral Home. Rev. Cheryle Spicer will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Emil J. Bicigo online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

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

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Tribute Wall

WH

“ My condolences to the Bicigo Family. My fondest memory of Emil was the time I had given up finding the two belts I wanted for specific outfits in clothing stores and my thoughts went to Emil and having him make those to my specifications. It was always nice to visit the shop to talk with Emil and Dorothy and this was no different..We visited and Emil showed me the different belt leather he had, the buckles he had and allow me to pick out what I wanted. He asked how soon I wanted those and of course my answer was, "As soon as possible." He said it would be awhile because he was recovering from carpal tunnel and noticed the disappointment on my face with his answer. His answer to my disappointment was that I could be his hands, and he would instruct me to do it! It was fun, I have the exact belts I wanted, and we had a great visit! Those belts mean so much more to me because I had a hand at making them and a great gentleman guided me though with the tricks of his talent. Bless you, Emil.

Wee Hawks - February 02, 2017 at 11:36 AM

DP

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you. We have such fond memories of Emil and always enjoyed stopping at the Shop. Loved his card system on everyone. Enjoyed the tour he gave us during one of our stops. I also always appreciated Emil coming to the Courthouse with the Veterans. You could always count on him participating in the many events. What a proud American. We salute you Emil. Rest in peace! Thanks for the memories. In caring and in friendship, Dan and Sue Passamani, Bates.

Dan & Sue Passamani - February 01, 2017 at 08:45 PM

KR

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Bicigo family. We always enjoyed seeing Emil at Jack and Cheryl's house. He had a happy and kind spirit that will live on in memories of him. Karen and Ken Renner

Karen Renner - February 01, 2017 at 07:56 PM

DF

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the Family of Emil Bicigo.
Dick and Helen Forslund

Dick and Helen Forslund - February 01, 2017 at 06:52 PM

JO

“ So sorry for you loss! Emil was a great person and will be greatly missed by our community. He was a breed of his own! ~Tom and Joy Stachowicz

Joy - February 01, 2017 at 02:26 PM

KO

“ remember to oil my Red Wing Irish Setters

ken ondrus - February 01, 2017 at 10:46 AM

M2

VFW Post 2891 Comrades send our deep condolences to your family and friends. Our Supreme Commander has the best shoe repairman in his command. Marvin Hill Cmdr.

Marvin L. Hill Cmdr VFW 2891 - February 02, 2017 at 02:09 PM

MY

“ *Much Love, Jimmy, Donna, Jake and Dylan Yates purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emil J. Bicigo Jr..*



Much Love, Jimmy, Donna, Jake and Dylan Yates - February 01, 2017 at 09:46 AM

DY

“ *Fondest memories of meeting Jimmy's family in Crystal Falls over 30 years ago. Visiting Aunt Dot and Uncle Emil at the shoe shop and enjoying fun conversations and old stories!!! Uncle Emil will be deeply missed.*

*Much Love,
Donna Yates*

Donna Yates - February 01, 2017 at 08:48 AM

WC

“ *Emil was one of the nicest men I've ever known. I truly enjoyed visiting with him, especially when we'd talk about town history....I'll think of him every time I oil my boots.*

Wade Cross - February 01, 2017 at 07:21 AM

AC

“ *Our sympathies, and prayers are with all you!*

Axel and Cindy - February 01, 2017 at 03:18 AM

DK

“ Sorry for your loss Emil and his wife came into Jubilee just about every Sat. shopping. He was always so nice gonna miss him, heaven just got another Angel. Deborah Koszyk

Deborah Koszyk - February 01, 2017 at 01:49 AM

DF

“ Sorry to hear about Emil, my condolences to the Bicigo family. I have found memories of Emil going back to childhood and throughout my life. Emil made me a beautiful leather knife sheath in the early 80's in which I carry my father's hunting knife. I always think about both my dad and Emil at hunting season - I always will. Duane

Duane Furmanski - January 31, 2017 at 11:22 PM

MS

“ Emil was a neat man. Full of life and stories.

He always told us stories of the town. He was a treasure. Best Leather repair or custom job was done by him.

i will miss seeing him every morning or having a little chat with him.

My heart goes out to you all. He was a wonderful man.

michelle smokevitch-graves - January 31, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ I remember visiting at the house. I loved his beagle, Bello. I remember Uncle Emil teaching me how to say Bello correctly. I don't think I ever got it right, but I loved that dog and I named one of my dogs Bello because of that. I also remember visiting at the shoe shop and up at the dam where Uncle Emil worked. The second time I was in Italy, my students and I came across a shoe shop in Fiuggi that smelled exactly like the shoe shop in Crystal Falls, leather and cigars. We talked with the man who owned it for quite some time, in broken English and broken Italian. My two students and I all walked out of that store with new shoes. It reminded me of Uncle Emil so strongly. I was too young when Nono died to remember him, so my shoe shop memories are of Uncle Emil. Wish I could be there to remember him with you and to comfort you as you grieve. May he rest in peace.

Jim and Karen

James Bicigo - January 31, 2017 at 08:41 PM

CS

“ My condolences to the family. Candy Soderena

Candy Soderena - January 31, 2017 at 06:56 PM

RD

“ Sending our deepest condolences...Jim & Bertie Dempsey

Roberta Dempsey - January 31, 2017 at 05:26 PM

JF

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Jeff and Dolly Weaver and Family - January 31, 2017 at 04:52 PM