

Maniawski, Emil

May 30, 2018



Emil Maniawski

It is with heavy hearts the family announces the peaceful passing of Emil Maniawski on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at the age of 93 years with his children at his side. A loving husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend, Emil touched the hearts and lives of so many. His legacy of love for his family, zeal for life, genuine relationships with friends, gentleness and generosity will be forever cherished.

Emil was predeceased by his parents, John and Maria; his brothers, Michael and Ignac; his sisters: Josephine, Stephanie and Melanie; and his grandson, Dillon Marciszyn. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 55 years, Maria; daughter, Anne (Dale) Marciszyn; son, John (Chelsea Caswell, girlfriend); grandsons that he cherished, Adam and Derek Marciszyn; sister-in-law, Anna (Nick) Pietrus; cousin and best friend, John Szarun; nephews: Henryk (Joanne) Pietrus, Metro (Brenda) Pietrus, and Roman (Wendy) Pietrus; niece, Oksana (Wasył) Sergeniuk; as well as many cousins, nephews and nieces in Poland and the Ukraine, and close friends.

Born in Izdebki, Poland on December 4th, 1924, Emil spent the

early years of his life working on farms to help support his family, and enduring significant hardships of poverty, war and deportation to Germany at the age of 16 during World War II. It was these experiences that helped make him a strong, resilient, yet humble, gentle and caring man. Adapting to adversity, Emil created a fulfilling life in Germany where the family on his work farm adopted this charming, hard-working and handsome young man as one of their own. His 10 year stay in Germany ultimately became one of the highlights of his life, and these happier times undoubtedly released his wonderful smile and great sense of humor.

Emil immigrated to Canada in 1951 to begin a new chapter of his life in a country that he soon loved. Following his immigrant landing in Halifax, Emil travelled to Winnipeg where he made his new home, learned a fifth language and new trades, and worked at several jobs including the CPR, which was the beginning of his work life as a railroader. Emil met beautiful Maria in early 1962 and the two were married on June 15th, 1962. Transferring with the railroad, Emil and Maria moved to Moose Jaw in late 1962, which is where they raised their family and settled for the rest of their lives. Dedicated to providing for his family, Emil had several jobs over the years with Robin Hood, CGTX and CPR. He worked as a carman for the CPR from 1974 to his retirement in 1990.

Emil spent his retirement years doing the things that mattered most to him: helping his children in countless ways, enjoying his grandchildren, sharing special times with his many good friends, enjoying the beauty of nature, perfecting his passion for gardening, and traveling with his family across western Canada. Some of his most cherished moments were times spent with his grandsons, Adam and Derek.

Emil was a spiritual man who appreciated the promises of God, and truly enjoyed the beauty found in nature. God blessed him with a long, abundant life full of love, happiness and friendship.

Our family wishes to thank our special friends, Judy, Daljit and Brenda, who helped us provide the high standard of companionship and care for our parents over the past two years. We also thank the caregivers at the Dr. FH Wigmore Regional Hospital, Dr. Geyer, and the caregivers at Pioneer Lodge Transition Unit, who provided gentle, compassionate care to our Dad over the past two months. Although our goal was always to have Dad return home,

our Heavenly Father ultimately chose to bring him Home.
(Revelation 21:4)

The Funeral Service celebrating Dad's life and legacy will be held on Friday, February 16th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Moose Jaw Funeral Home in Moose Jaw. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. As part of the Bench in Memory program, a park bench will be donated in the memory of our Dad to the Moose Jaw Crescent Park for the enjoyment of our community of the beautiful greenspace and nature that Dad so loved. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Todd Sjoberg, Funeral Director 306-693-4550