



## Donald "Bronk" Bigalke

September 6, 1919 - January 12, 2012

Donald "Bronk" Bigalke, 92 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Lutheran Care Center in Little Falls, MN. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Don Ludeman officiating. Burial will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Friends may call from 4-7 P.M. on Monday and from 10-11 A.M. on Tuesday at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements for Bronk Bigalke are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Donald "Bronk" Bigalke was born on September 6, 1919 in Darling Township in Morrison County to the late Fred and Mabel (Anderson) Bigalke. He attended country school in Darling Township and graduated from Little Falls Community High School in 1937. After graduation he went to work at Larson Boat Works in Little Falls as a painter. On July 9, 1942 Bronk enlisted into the U.S. Army where he served his country proudly during WWII in France. He was honorably discharged on July 14, 1945. Bronk was united in marriage to Betty Harrington on June 17, 1948 at Randall Presbyterian Church in Randall, MN. The couple resided in Randall, MN for many years until moving to Little Falls. Bronk worked for the US Postal Service as a mail carrier in Little Falls and later delivered mail on the Randall rural route for 35 years. He was very involved in MN Amateur Baseball, retiring as a player at age 61 and was later inducted into the MN Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973. Bronk served on the Randall City Council, Little Falls School Board, St. Peter's Lutheran

Church Board, Lutheran Care Center Board, and the HRA Board. He also worked as a member of the "Chain Gang" for 30 years at Little Falls Flyer Football games. Bronk was a member of the Randall VFW (Charter Member), D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans), Little Falls American Legion, & Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls. He was very proud of his large garden that he grew every year and always kept his yard in immaculate condition. Bronk enjoyed fishing and loved to watch his kids and grandchildren play sports. He was greatly loved and will be dearly missed. Bronk is survived by wife, Betty Bigalke of Little Falls, MN; sons, Dean (Sherry) Bigalke of New London, MN, Greg (Diane) Bigalke of Monticello, MN, and Scot (Diane) Bigalke of Hastings, MN; sisters-in-law, Betty Bigalke of Little Falls, MN, Fern Bigalke of Little Falls, MN, & Mrytle Miller of Little Falls, MN; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Bronk was preceded in death by parents, Fred and Mabel Bigalke; brothers, Leonard, Vernon, and Kenneth Bigalke.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
901 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
901 West Broadway  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Bronk" Bigalke



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Donald "Bronk" Bigalke

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I was sad to see of Bronk's passing but know that he is with a very special person now.  
I always looked forward to talking to both of you after church services at Bethel when I went there while living in Little Falls. It will be one less face that I will see when I come to visit.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Marge Brutscher###imported-begin##Marge Brutscher###imported-end##

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February 06, 2012 at 12:54 PM



“ *Bigalke Family ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. A couple of years ago when I started volunteering with the women's fastpitch team, the coach asked me why I was willing to catch bullpens and BP in the cage? I told Ruthie that it was a little payback for what Bronk Bigalke did for me 40+ years ago. When she asked, "Who is Bronk Biagalke?", I replied that he was the guy that ran open gym on Sundays during the winter and coordinated/coached the Randall entry in the Little Six baseball league during the summer. Bronk created opportunities for his sons and their friends, but even after his boys were no longer involved, he was still creating opportunities for others. Mike & Diane Strand*###imported-begin###Mike###imported-end###

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January 16, 2012 at 11:40 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. I will always remember him as our really nice mailman who delivered our mail in Parkertown. I was just a kid then, but he had that friendly hello with a big smile.*###imported-begin###Diane Carlson Miller###imported-end###

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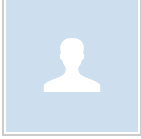
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“ *The Bigalke Family- Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. I always remember Bronk and Betty at all the sporting events. He will be missed.*###imported-begin###The Gillham Family###imported-end###

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“ WE HAVE MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF BRONK WATCHING OUR "MONITCELLO BOYS" PLAYING BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU##imported-begin##Lloyd and Sue Ouellette##imported-end##

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“ *Bigalke Family ~ Our deepest sympathy to you... Bronk will be greatly missed! I remember him as a fixture at Flyer games for so many years. Thinking of you all. It's hard to lose your dad. Ron & Lani Larson##imported-begin##Lani##imported-end##*

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January 13, 2012 at 05:20 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Linda Crompton##imported-end##*

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