



## Mr. Jack Kagebein

November 21, 1924 - June 3, 2015

Jack J. Kagebein, 90 passed away Wednesday, June 3 at home with his family. He was born November 21, 1924 to Fannie and Franz Kagebein of Almyra where he lived most of his life. His older brother Carl preceded him death by one day, June 2. During World War II, Jack was called to serve his country and joined in June 1941. As part of the 1st Infantry Division, also known as The Big Red One, he was a gunner who crossed the Rhine River into Germany. At the end of the war he was assigned to the Military Police where he was a personal guard over Hermann Goering at the Nuremburg Trials, his cell, and his hour of exercise.

He came home in June of 1945 and married Mary Ellen Newman in November of that year. They were married 69 years and raised five beloved children, Ronnie (deceased 2005), Lonnie (wife Margo), Kyla (husband Jon), Sharon, and Vicky. He had six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Jack was a faithful member of Almyra 1st United Methodist Church, a gentleman, and friend to all. He was a lifelong farmer and also a pilot who enjoyed many hours of flying his airplanes, especially his favorite Aeronica Champ.

Visitation will be 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. June 6 at Essex Funeral Home, and will be followed by a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. in the Almyra Cemetery.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of another Kagebein cousin. Our prayers are for your family.

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**Nelda Kagebein Godwin** - April 27, 2018 at 01:18 PM

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“ So many nice memories of Jack and family.. He was so helpful when my Dad died. And his help on the farm. My heartfelt condolences and prayers for you at this time.

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**Diana Grandgeorge Hopper** - April 27, 2018 at 01:18 PM

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“ I have many good memories of Jack working on our farm with my dad and Carl. I appreciate all his hard work and help he was to our family. May God give you comfort at this sad time.

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**Glenda Grandgeorge Morgan** - April 27, 2018 at 01:18 PM