

John Kappmeyer



John William Kappmeyer, 83, of Harpers Ferry, Iowa, died Saturday, February 25, 2006, at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Waukon, Iowa.

John was born July 10, 1922, in Oelwein, Iowa, to Herman and Lena Skubina Kappmeyer. He married Lillian LaMarr Monnahan July 12, 1952, in Decorah, Iowa. He received a BS Degree from Upper Iowa University, and a Masters Degree from the University of Iowa. John was the school administrator for Eastern Allamakee Community Schools and West Central Community Schools for 32 years before retiring. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a POW in Germany for nineteen months. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, American P.O.W.S., and Disabled American Veteran.

John worked hard his whole life to provide security, guidance, leadership and comfort to those around him. He was an intelligent, humble man who possessed a hearty laugh, and infectious sense of humor, and a hunger for learning. He could tell a great story, and he loved the river, his dogs, and the birds.

John was so many things to so many people: student, soldier, educator, leader, mentor, fisherman, friend and loving husband.

He is survived by LaMarr, his wife of 53 years; his sister Ruth Miller, Fort Dodge, IA; sister-in-law Kitty Ford, Rosemount, MN; brothers-in-law Michael John Monnahan and wife Lois, Oro Valley, AZ, and Jack Rice and wife Sharon, Jacksonville, IL; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lena Kappmeyer; brothers-in-law Dale Miller and Ralph Ford; sister-in-law Bette Rice; and his five pet dogs, Digger (Welsh Corgi), Snorky (Bassett Hound), and Beaus I, II and III (Standard Poodles).

Special thanks to the "kids", parents, communities, and fellow educators John had the privilege to work with during his 32 years of teaching.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

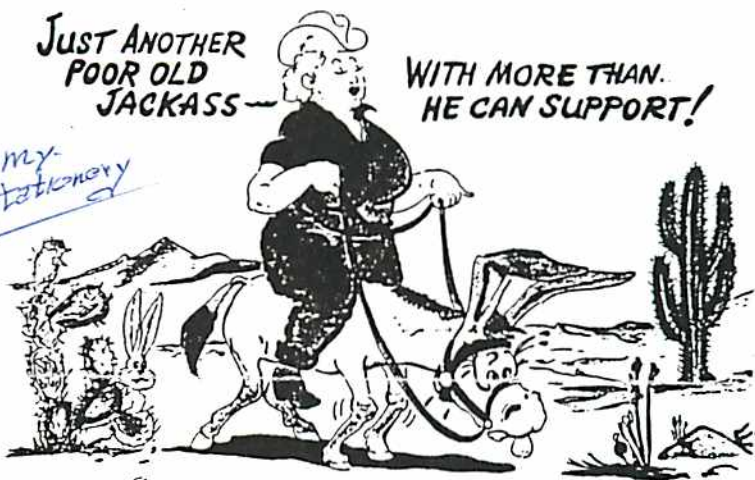
**JOHN
KAPPMAYER'S
Life in WWII Combat,
And Merged with other
Writings on the Conflict**

By Chuck Trotter

JUST ANOTHER
POOR OLD
JACKASS

WITH MORE THAN
HE CAN SUPPORT!

This is my
IRS stationery



Russell:

I am really looking forward to receiving a copy of "First Over Germany", & to find out more about the 366th. I wasn't there for "extended duty" - Arrived sometime in July of 43 and departed on Oct 14, 43 - so everything before & after those dates should be interesting reading.

One thing that really surprised & scared me at the time was the size of the book of information that German intelligence had about the 367th SS when I was interrogated at Dulag Luft in Frankfurt on Main. We certainly owe you a big Thank You for your time & effort in this little history - would you please autograph it for me? Thanks - John Keppmeyer

Jan 21-88.

To. Russell Strong
From Paul W. Koenig

Just ~~really~~ appreciate your time
& efforts in publishing the 306th Echoes.
On the last issue there was some
information about Dan Elliott. We
were good friends and while in Stalag
Luft III I heard he didn't make it, but
never heard what happened.

Enclosed is the information for the
Caterpillar Club and the card with
crew information. The info doesn't
look very clear so here is an explanation.

I was Co-P. on Kirk's crew - we came
in as replacements - I believe the last week in
July (my memory fails me) 1943 -

Ewald Jensen was the Bomb.

? Hauck was the Nav.

(over)

Are Coles was split up and I flew missions with W.W. Thomas, Bill Bissen and ? Butler -

On Oct 14-43 - McCabe was the Nav. & Francis x Bonds, Bomb.

Bonds died of a heart attack. about 30 years ago - he lived in Los Angeles.

Again - thank you for the 306th Col. Encl. 25.⁰⁰ to help with Eckers expenses.

Respectfully
John W. Kappeler