

## John "Jack" Kirschbaum, 88

May 12, 1921 - April 19, 2010

**DEFIANCE** — John "Jack" Kirschbaum, son of John, Sr. and Frances (Rosman) Kirschbaum, was born on May 12, 1921, in Shelby County. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, and attended country school in Shelby County. Jack enjoyed going to area dances and it was there that he met his future wife, Mildred.



April 6, 1942, Jack was united in marriage to Mildred M. Gau. Four children were born to this union: Peggy, Judy, Bob, and an infant daughter who died at birth. After their wedding, Jack and Mildred farmed near Defiance. They remained on the farm until 1983, when they moved to Defiance. After retiring from farming, Jack helped do the mowing and snow removal at St. Peter's Catholic

Church in Defiance. He also worked for Shelby County as the maintenance and groundskeeper at Manteno State Park. Jack enjoyed playing cards with friends, having picnics with family and friends, dancing, and listening to polka music. In 1992, Jack and Mildred celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by doing a Polka Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church. In 2008, Jack and Mildred were honored at the Defiance 125th Anniversary as being the oldest living married couple. They were married for sixty-seven years. Family was very important to Jack and Mildred. Their home was always considered the gathering place and Jack treasured the many meals and get-togethers he had with his family. Jack was always the head of the family and was often looked to for guidance and advice. Jack also enjoyed sports and could often be found coaching the Defiance baseball team or watching one of Bob's games and cheering him on. He was also proud of his grandchildren and loved to watch them play sports and encouraged them to always play their best. He was also a huge Cubs fan and longed for them to play in the World Series. Jack died on Monday, April 19, 2010, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Blair, NE, having attained the age of eighty-eight years, eleven months, and seven days.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mildred; his infant daughter; his sisters Ione and Marjorie; and his brother Charles and his wife Rose. He is survived by his children: Peggy and her husband Bob Pine of Omaha, NE; their children: Mike Mulligan and his wife Cathy of Kansas City, MO, Christine and her husband Ray Janicek of Columbia, MO, and Tracy and her husband Rick Johnson of Omaha; Judy and her husband Larry Green of Blair, NE; their children: Steve Green and his wife Marnie of Chandler, AZ, Brian Green and his wife Heidi of Omaha, and Gary Green and his wife Kristy of Kansas City, KS; Bob Kirschbaum and his wife Sharon of Sheldon; their children: Nicole and her husband Chris Youngers of Ashland, OR, Michelle of Denver, CO, Stephen at Minnesota State University, and Michael of Sheldon; thirteen great-grandchildren; his siblings: Leone Gilmore of Omaha, Mary Ann Schwinderman of Omaha, Robert Kirschbaum and his wife Carol of Spirit Lake, and Donald Kirschbaum and his wife Kay of Omaha; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Satur-

day, April 24, 2010, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, with Rev. Howard Fitzgerald celebrating the 1:00 PM service. Interment was held at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Defiance with Gary Green, Michael Kirschbaum, Brian Green, Mike Mulligan, Stephen Kirschbaum, and Steven Green serving as casket bearers.

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