

# Olyn A. Brockmeyer

## U.S. Army



**Olyn A. Brockmeyer**  
Army Sergeant in the South Pacific

Olyn A. Brockmeyer was born June 13, 1921 in Harvel, Illinois, the son of William and Edna (Wagehoff) Brockmeyer. Olyn entered the U.S. Army in 1942 in Peoria, Illinois, received basic training at Ft. Lewis in Washington, and served in Company K, 123<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, 33<sup>rd</sup> Division in the South Pacific. He was a light machine gunner and reached the rank of Sergeant. He participated in the New Guinea and Luzon campaigns and served as military police in occupied Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1945 at Jefferson Barracks in Missouri and was awarded two Bronze service stars for the New Guinea/Luzon campaigns.

He married Mary VanGeison in 1946 in Springfield, Illinois and farmed most of his life in the Harvel and Waggoner, Illinois areas. Mary died in 1996. Olyn married Gertrude "Gert" (Jaeger) Nantkes in 1999.

Olyn was a 60-year-member of American Legion Post 701 in Waggoner and served as its Commander twice. He often hosted reunions for his Company K army buddies.

Olyn A. Brockmeyer died on March 6, 2008 in Hillsboro, Illinois. He is survived by his second wife, Gert, two sons Terry and Tracy Brockmeyer, and two daughters, Cheryl Fischer and Tammy Welcome. He is buried at Virden Cemetery, Virden, Illinois.

Submitted by:  
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