

Ralph M. Schnepf

Ralph M. Schnepf, 91, of Le Mars, Iowa died Saturday Nov. 6, 2004, in Le Mars, following a brief illness. He was a lifelong Plymouth County farmer,

Ralph Magnus Schnepf was born Dec. 24, 1912, on the family farm in Fredonia Township just northeast of Oyens, the son of William and Helen (Majeres) Schnepf. He grew up near Oyens and attended St. Catherine's Parochial School. During World War II, Ralph served in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was stationed in the Pacific with the 7th Air Force, 11th Bombardment Group (H), 42nd Bomb Squadron.

Ralph was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Le Mars, a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council #1466 in Le Mars, and a member of the Oyens Columbus Club. He was also a member of the American Legion, Wasmer Post #241 and the World War II Last Mans Club, and the V.F.W. Joseph Dickman Post #3325 in Remsen.

Ralph enjoyed farming, traveling, and gambling. He also enjoyed playing cards with his friends.

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Mail orderly Cpl. Ralph Schnepf as Santa somewhere in the Pacific during WWII.

Picture from "Finish Forty and Home" by Phil Scarce.