



## Myron Diefenbach

October 13, 1923 - April 25, 2014

Visitation for Myron Diefenbach, 90, of Herscher, will be from 9 a.m. Wednesday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. The Rev. John Kiefer will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the Limestone Fire Department or to the donor's choice. He passed away Friday (April 25, 2014) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Mr. Diefenbach was a lifetime farmer and Purebred Hampshire hog breeder. He was born Oct. 13, 1923, in Herscher, the son of Frank J. and Ellen Obrecht Diefenbach. After retiring, he enjoyed woodworking. He was an active firefighter with the Limestone Fire Department for 15 years and served as a trustee of the department since 1987. He was director of Growmark (now Heritage) for 11 years; on the Herscher School Board for 12 years; and worked as Assistant Swine Superintendent of the Illinois State Fair in Springfield for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Kankakee County Farm Bureau and past member and director of the Illinois Hampshire Breeders Association. He received the Illinois Pork Producers Superior Pork Award in 1976. He was also a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher.

Surviving are his wife, the former Geneva Butz, of Herscher, whom he married Feb. 16, 1947, at Asbury United Methodist Church, Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Mark A. and Nancy Diefenbach, of Kankakee; two

grandchildren, Kimberly (Dan) Mau, and Kelly (Chris) Knobloch, both of Herscher; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Wanda Marth and Faye Bouk.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son, Gregg; one daughter, Beth Ann; one brother, George; and three sisters, Darlene Clover, Bernie Rieke and Mary Ellen Sargeant.

Memorials may be made for Limestone Fire Department - [lfpd.com/](http://lfpd.com/)  
or Donor's Choice

# Cemetery Details

## Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-6726

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 30.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

**APR 30.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BN

“ Bernard Niesen sent a virtual gift in memory of Myron Diefenbach



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**bernard niesen** - April 29, 2014 at 11:34 PM

JW

“ TO Mark, Nancy and Family,

*My condolences on the passing of Myron.*

*Jerry Walter*

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**Jerry Walter** - April 28, 2014 at 06:42 PM

LB

“ When it comes to favorite people in my life-- Mr. Diefenbach is at the top of my list and when it comes to favorite families in my life--- the Diefenbachs have always been dearest family friends throughout all my life. My memory is laced with the loveliest of Diefenbach moments-- I covet today. One time, I asked Myron if he would be a wiseman on Christmas Eve service at church and I was always convinced--- he was type cast because he has always been such a wise man. His wisdom was always influenced by his faith, family, and farms. His beautiful Geneva, Mark, and Beth, and Nancy were always the heartbeat of his life and pork work--- with church and community service to education keeping a strong pulse of American values and traditions in every trail he blazed. Loving wishes to you all--- Heaven just got a wise new sparkle! Lana Weiss Brown

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**Lana Weiss Brown** - April 28, 2014 at 09:56 AM

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“ To Myron's Family,

*Deepest sympathy to each of you from all Myron's friends at the Illinois Sate Fair. We truly enjoyed Myron during the 20 years he worked with us and all the younger people that ever worked with Myron always looked up to him just as I did. I have continued to stay in contact with him over the year as I considered Myron one of my best friends. Myron and I had a lot of mutual respect for each other. Myron and I had many long conversations and he was always beaming with pride when he talked about his family.*

*We will honor Myron with a moment of silence during the Hampshire show this Summer at the Illinois State Fair. If any of you come down to Springfield to the Fair this Summer please stop by my office and say hello.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dave Deters  
Swine Supt. IL State Fair  
217-306-3414*

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**Dave Deters** - April 27, 2014 at 04:40 PM

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*My phone number is 217-306-4314 in case you would ever care to reach me. Dave*

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**Dave Deters** - April 27, 2014 at 04:46 PM

TS

“ Dear Mark, Nancy and family,  
We were so sorry to read about Myron's passing. I am really happy I got to know him and what a great man he was. He was always kind, helpful, and had a smile on his face. I am sure he will be missed by all. Thinking of you at this time ..

Tom and Sally Sippel  
Cape Coral , Florida

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**Tom & Sally Sippel** - April 27, 2014 at 01:05 PM

VJ

“ I would like to extend my sympathies and prayers to the family of Myron Diefenbach. My sister who lives in the Kankakee area remembered my friendship with your family and sent me a copy of his obituary from the paper.  
While I have not been in recent contact with your family, I have fond memories from participation in 4-H and the University of IL at Urbana-Champaign.  
Sympathies,  
Dale Pelz  
vdp42@yahoo.com

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**V Dale Pelz Jr** - April 26, 2014 at 02:41 PM