



## Louis H. Bramkamp

April 19, 1922 - March 9, 2012

Louis H. Bramkamp, 89, a resident of the Coburg Village Retirement Community in Rexford, formerly of Livingston, passed away Friday, March 9, 2012 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, surrounded by his family.

Born April 19, 1922 in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was the son of the late Louis and Margaret (Schick) Bramkamp.

Louis graduated from Western Hills High School in Cincinnati, where he enjoyed playing tennis, and Cornell University in Ithaca. He served in the US Army 104th Infantry during World War II, earning a Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster, the American Service Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Louis was a hard working fruit farmer and owner of Bramkamp's Apple Land in Livingston for over 59 years. He was a member of the Columbia County Farm Bureau, the Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Livingston Fire Company, and the Linlithgo Reformed Church at Livingston.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Viola (Bottle) Bramkamp of Rexford; his devoted children, Diane (Bennie "BJ") Sacco of Hudson, Nancy (Todd) Boice of Ballston Spa, and John "Jack" (Kathy) Bramkamp of San Dimas, CA; his loving sister, Shirley Olmstead of Centennial, CO., and seven

devoted grandchildren, Sarah Sacco (Michael Batke), Jessica Beebe (Cory), Amber Johnson (Matt), Megan Thompson, Kelly Bramkamp, and Jason and Daniel Boice. Also surviving are three great-grandchildren, Alana, Amaya, and Elizabeth, his nephew, Chuck (Joanne) Olmstead and their son, Charles (Brea), of Colorado, a great-niece, Katie (Rob) Duboise and their family of Maine, and two close cousins, Mary Esther (Robert) Gelrich of Covington, KY and Jane Alice Foster of Cincinnati.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Jack Bramkamp, who was killed in the WW II D-Day invasion of Normandy.

Visiting hours are 4-7 pm Wednesday at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home, 110 Green St., Hudson.

Services will be conducted at 11 am Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Livingston Cemetery. Pall bearers will include Jack Bramkamp, Bennie Sacco, Todd Boice, Jason Boice, Daniel Boice, and Tom Lessard. Ernest Holiness will be an honorary bearer.

Donations may be made to the Clifton Park & Halfmoon Emergency Corp. 15 Crossings Blvd, Clifton Park, NY, 12065, the American Red Cross, 33 Everett Road, Albany, NY, 12205, or the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, NY, 12205.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sheryl Collins lit a candle in memory of Louis H. Bramkamp*



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**Sheryl Collins** - March 16, 2012 at 11:43 AM

RZ

“ *To Viola, sincere sympathy to you and your family on the passing of Louis. Always remember picking apples with my father on your farm as a kid . Great learning experience . Louis was one stand up apple farmer ! God Bless , Ray Zempko*

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**raymond zempko** - March 14, 2012 at 05:30 PM

RK

“ *To Viola and the Boice family : We send our sympathy to all of you at his sad time. We have the fondest memories of Louis visiting you at the lake and what a great man he was and will be greatly missed. Love Chris and Rose Kumpel and family*



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**Rose Kumpel** - March 13, 2012 at 09:20 AM

FM

“ Dear Mrs. Bramkamp, Diane, BJ, Sarah, Jessie and the Bramkamp family,  
My deepest sympathies at your loss. Mr. Bramkamp was a wonderful and kind gentleman, always with a smile. And a talented farmer; it was a highlight of the Chatham Fair to look for the Bramkamp fruit and see all of those winning ribbons!  
With prayers, Fran Meltz

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**Fran Meltz** - March 13, 2012 at 09:03 AM



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**Nancy Boice** - March 12, 2012 at 06:11 PM

JL

*Vi and Lou were so devoted to each other. I was enriched by knowing them and their love for each other. How can I get in touch with Vi?*  
Joan Lezette-Miller

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**Joan Lezette-Miller** - March 17, 2012 at 05:03 PM



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**Nancy Boice** - March 12, 2012 at 06:10 PM

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**Nancy Boice** - March 12, 2012 at 06:06 PM

MB

“*Louis BramKamp was the uncle I looked forward to seeing every August. Our whole family would pile into the car and head upstate to Uncle Lou’s farm to spend a week each year, when my parent’s vacation time rolled around. After many miles of watching the morning fog lift over meadows of grazing deer and playing the many traveling games cooked up by my older sister, Catherine, and surviving the many long stages of the Route 80 construction we would finally pull into the driveway of the house on Orchard Rd.. Often, Uncle Lou would be the first to appear in the yard; a big, smiling giant, smelling of apples and earth, with his booming voice; giving my dad a hearty greeting and helping us carry our luggage up the little, winding staircase to Diane and Nancy’s room. I have fond memories of the fun and laughter as we helped make his hand-churned peach ice cream and, to this day, the scent of McIntosh apples sends me in memory to his back porch. In later years Uncle Lou’s farm was the place where I escaped for the occasional weekend, while I was attending college further down the Hudson. He carefully gave my fiancé a good looking over, before my mom did and always made me feel a warm welcome, whenever I walked through his door. His were the hands that held both of mine as I cried for the loss of my first child. A few years later, those same hands gently held my infant son. His were the head and shoulders we spotted first, as we pulled into the annual family reunions. His was often the last hand we saw raised in farewell as we started down the road for home, laden with the apples he had hauled to the Southern Tier, all the way from Hudson. I can never picture him without his big, ready smile...the same one that graces the faces of all three of his children. My world has been a happier place, filled with bright memories, because he was in it. Thanks Uncle Lou. I’ll miss you so much.*



*Mary Ann (Lindsey) Broz*

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**Mary Ann Broz** - March 12, 2012 at 01:54 PM

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*It was through church gatherings that I met Lou and Vi although they knew my husband's family for years. This wonderful couple were part of the tapestry that is the Hudson Valley - specifically Columbia County. Both Dave & I are grateful to have known them both. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family at this time as we also acknowledge celebrating the joy of Lou's life and what he meant to so many.*

*Joanna & Dave Tipple*

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**Rev. Joanna Tipple** - March 14, 2012 at 07:27 PM