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Dear Jesse Steinke ,

I am always happy to get your newsletter, but this one was particularly interesting. I lived the first 19 years of my life at our farm on Sprague Road (just north of the railroad tracks).

The only Sprague I knew was Sidney Sprague who took some pictures our family. There was one very special picture that I hold very dear to my heart.

Marylou (Stead), resident of Eagle and I were married at Camp Polk Louisiana on January 15, 1945. We had a 10 day honeymoon at Camp Polk. After the honeymoon she got a ride back to Eagle while I left on a ship for the Philippines. My trip there lasted 54 days.

Marylou arrived in Eagle and went to Sydney Sprague Photography Shop where he took a beautiful picture of her. Color was added and he framed it in a leather bound book frame with a cover. Marylou sent it to me and I received it on the first mail call upon arrival at Manilla in the Philippines. I carried this photo everywhere during WWII.

That picture that Sydney took sits on the nightstand next to my bed. My dear wife Marylou passed away on March 3, 2009. Every night I walk to her picture and give her a kiss good night. Every morning I give this picture a kiss and talk to her.

This Sydney Sprague picture is truly a gift filled with memories. Marylou and I were married for 64 years.

Sincerely,


Harold Hinkley