Albert E. Yarkosky
(1922-2008)

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Visitation will began at 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 22, 2008, at the Winfield Funeral Home in Albia. Albert’s family will be present throughout the day and evening. A rosary will be led Tuesday at 6 p.m., by the Knights of Columbus, Council 4167, and a Christian Wake Service will also be held at the funeral home, Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made in memory of Albert Yarkosky to the families wishes, St. Mary’s Cemetery, or the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

Condolences may be made at www.winfieldfh.com.

Winfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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