

# Wilfred I. Myers

## U.S. Army, World War II

### Awarded the Bronze Star



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Wilfred Irvin Myers, the son of Frank M. Myers (1897-1968) and Marie Magdaline Didion (1902-1993), was born in 1920 in Marshall County, West Virginia. He is the great-great-grandson of the immigrant, August Myers, born in Germany in 1807.

Wilfred and his younger brother, Jack, grew up on Boggs Run, in Marshall County. Their family home was just down, and across the road, from the Moses Bell home, and just above the Albert Knollinger homestead.



**The Myers' Home was built by Wilfred's grandfather, William Myers.**

[Photo provided by Greg Myers.]

Although Wilfred was supposed to go to Union High School in Benwood, he graduated from Sherrard High School. In order to get to Union High, he had to walk miles down Boggs Run and then through the old, dark, Boggs Run Tunnel that came out in Benwood. From there, he had to catch the trolley and go to high school. This proved too daunting to Wilfred and he played hooky after the first day. He decided to go to Sherrard, and when he was old enough, he bought a car that he managed to get up Boggs Run Hill every day. He graduated in the Sherrard High School Class of 1938, along with Robert Connors, Wilda Hinerman, Genevieve Burkhart, Vera Wilson, Helen Burris, Helen Scherwinski, William Muldrew, Glen Morris, Ted Gamble, Paul Garvin, William Webb, and Harold Jones. His brother, Jack, graduated from Sherrard High two years later.

Following his graduation from high school, until he went to war, Wilfred worked as a carpenter apprentice for Sun Construction.

During World War II, Wilfred I. Myers served in Company "D" 182nd Infantry, 1st Battalion Americal Division. He served for three years and was in the battles of Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Lyete, Cebu, and the Phillipines. He was awarded the Bronze Star for "meritorious achievement in ground combat against the armed enemy during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations."



**Awards displayed on a wall in Wilfred's home.**

When he came home from the war, Wilfred worked for Sun Construction for about one year, then he went to work for Earl Orum and Lloyd Postlewait as a Union Carpenter.



**Emily McIntire Myers, 1st wife of Wilfred.**  
[Photo provided by Greg Myers.]

Wilfred I. Myers, 27, and Emily L. McIntire, 25, both born in Wheeling and residing in Wheeling, were married at the St. Matthews Lutheran Church on Boggs Run on September 27, 1947.



**Rebecca & Ronald Myers.**  
[Photo provided by Greg Myers.]

Wilfred and Emily had two children, Ronald and Rebecca. They lived at 213 South Wabash Street on Wheeling Island from 1948 to 1954, at which time they sold the house to World War II Army Veteran and singer, Eugene "Gene" Long.

In 1957, Wilfred sold his Brown's Run home and moved to Route 86, Glen Dale Heights.

Emily Louise Myers, born April 21, 1922, died January 21, 1979. She is buried at Halcyon Hills Cemetery, Sherrard, Marshall County.

In 1986, Wilfred married the former Mary Ann Auber.

Wilfred's son, Ronald Wilfred Myers, born August 26, 1949, died March 18, 1999. He is buried at Halcyon Hills in Sherrard, where his mother, paternal grandparents and other family members are buried.

Wilfred's daughter, Rebecca Clara Myers Cottage, has two sons, Joel and Zachery.



**Wilfred & wife, Mary Ann, at a wedding.**  
[Photo by Gary Zearott.]



**Wilfred & Mary Ann, celebrate his 90th birthday.**  
[Photo by Gary Zearott.]



**Wilfred & Mary Ann in their lovely home on Glen Dale Heights.**  
[Photo by Linda Fluharty.]

## **OBITUARY**

MYERS, Wilfred I., 92, of Glen Dale, WV, passed away on May 5, 2013, at his residence.

He was born on July 6, 1920, in Boggs Run Road, Marshall County, WV, son of the late Frank and Marie Didion Myers.

Mr. Myers was a graduate of Sherrard High School, a retired carpenter for the former Postlewaite Construction Company, belonged to Carpenter's Local Union 3, and a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Boggs Run Road. He was also a U.S. Army veteran of WW II and a recipient of the Bronze Star, a member of the American Legion Post 5 and Post 46, and VFW Post 437 and Nelson Lodge 30.

Wilfred loved hunting, fishing, family gatherings, and was dedicated to his church. He was loved by his family and has many many friends and will be deeply missed.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Ronnie Myers, step-son, Keith Wendel, and a brother, Jack Myers.

Wilfred is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Auber Myers, daughter, Rebecca Cottage of Moundsville, WV, step-sons, David (Angie) Wendel of Bethlehem, WV, Bruce (Mary) Wendel of Glen Dale, WV, Mark (Connie) Wendel of Glen Dale, WV, and Gary Wendel of McMechen, WV. 11 grandchildren, Joel Cottage, Zachary Cottage, Amelia Myers, Will Myers, Dave Wendel, Christie Tipton, Michelle Wendel, Marti Wendel, Mandy Wendel, Rachel Getz, and Sarah Wendel, several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a special niece, Kim Myers. Also survived by best friend his kitty, Hershey, and parrot, Willie II.

Friends will be received on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Kepner Funeral Home, 3545 Jacob Street, South Wheeling.

Services will be held on Wednesday 10, a.m, May 8, 2013, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Boggs Run Road, Benwood, WV, with Pastor Roger Harms officiating.

Interment Halcyon Hills Memorial Park.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Moundsville Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Moundsville Honor Guard.

**This tribute was written & compiled by Linda Cunningham Fluharty.**

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