

Harold Arthur Schrank

Born: 10 Jan 1917

Baptized: 18 Feb 1917 @ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aleman, Hamilton County, TX
Sponsors: Albert Schrank, H. G. Schrank, Klara Schrank, Ida Wenzel

Confirmed: 29 Mar 1931 @ St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aleman, Hamilton County, TX

Parents: Arthur P. & Emma M. (Kelm) Schrank

Siblings: Norman P. Schrank, born 18 Mar 1914
Helen M. Schrank, born 16 Feb 1924

Harold graduated from Hamilton High School around 1934 and joined the U. S. Navy in 1935 after working briefly in Temple, Texas. He married Jewel Hyde from Clifton, Texas.

Harold was eventually assigned to the Battle Ship, Arizona, where he lost his life on December 7, 1941, due to the Japanese bombing. Of the 1,512 personnel on board at the time, 1,177 lost their lives and it is assumed Harold's body is entombed on the remains of the ship where it sank in Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. He was the first WWII victim from Hamilton County and his last known status was "Missing In Action". His classification at that time was Seaman 1st Class or Baker 1st Class. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

There is no record of children born to his marriage and the remaining life of his widow is unknown to the contributors.

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