








Family Group Record

Husband Benedict Jacob Faust				
Born	14 Mar 1884	Place Bismarck, Norwich Township, Huron County, Ohio		
Chr.	21 Mar 1885	Place Bellevue, Huron County, Ohio		
Died	3 Sep 1952	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Buried		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Married	4 Feb 1913	Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska		
Husband's father	Peter Faust			
Husband's mother	Anna Maria Wiehn			
Wife Anna Voskuhl				
Born	13 Aug 1886	Place St. Anthony, Ohio		
Chr.		Place		
Died	24 May 1964	Place Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin		
Buried		Place Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin		
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	M	Leonard Fred Faust		
	Born	24 Oct 1913		Place
	Chr.			Place
	Died	18 Nov 1913		Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska
	Buried			Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska
	Spouse			
	Married			Place
2	M	Lawrence Anton Faust		
	Born	1 Apr 1915		Place
	Chr.			Place
	Died	20 Jun 1915		Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska
	Buried			Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska
	Spouse			
	Married			Place
3	M	Jerome Nicholas Faust		
	Born	20 Apr 1916		Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska
	Chr.			Place
	Died	13 Aug 1951		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Buried			Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Spouse	Leah Hoerl		
	Married	2 Aug 1943		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
4	M	Ralph Albert Faust		
	Born	27 Feb 1919		Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska
	Chr.			Place
	Died	29 Mar 1995		Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin
	Buried	1 Apr 1995		Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin
	Spouse	Eileen A. Frankland		
	Married	30 Nov 1946		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
5	M	Harold Joseph Faust		
	Born	14 Sep 1921		Place Creighton, Knox, Nebraska
	Chr.			Place
	Died	7 Aug 2000		Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin
	Buried	11 Aug 2000		Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin
	Spouse	Dorothy Mary Kleifgen		
	Married	20 May 1950		Place Pittsville, Wisconsin

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Husband	Benedict Jacob Faust		
Wife	Anna Voskuhl		
Children	List each child in order of birth.		
6	M	Victor Henry Faust	
	Born	10 Apr 1924	Place
	Chr.		Place
	Died	15 May 1924	Place Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin
	Buried		Place Marshfield, Wood County, Wisconsin
	Spouse		
	Married		Place

Notes

HUSBAND - Benedict Jacob Faust

Church Records

Confirmation May 16, 1899 at St. Bernard Church

 BEN J. FAUST, 67, DIES AT HOME

Funeral Services to Be Conducted Friday

"Ben J. Faust, 67, died at 9:05 am today at his home at 1408 S. Prospect St. He had been in poor health the past three months.

Funeral services will be held at 9 am Friday in Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. The Rev. Edwin Knauf will officiate and burial will be made in Hillside cemetery.

The body will repose at the Rembs Funeral Home from this evening to the time of services. The Holy Name Society will participate in the general rosary service at 8:45pm Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Faust was born March 14, 1885, in Bellevue, Ohio, and moved to Nebraska with his parents at an early age. He received his education there and on Feb. 14, 1913 was married there to the former Ann Voskuhl. They came to Marshfield from Nebraska in 1922 and have resided here since that time.

He was employed by the city for about 25 years, and for the past 18 months served as janitor of the Citizen's National Bank. He was a member of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Faust is survived by his wife; two sons, Ralph and Harold, Marshfield; four grandchildren; and four brothers, Albert and Alois, Petersburg, Neb.; Tony, Tilton (Tilden), Neb.; and John, Miller, S.D.

Four sons preceded him in death." Newspaper Obituary.

 RITES FOR BEN J. FAUST

"The Rev. Constand Chilicki was the officiating clergy when funeral services for Ben J. Faust, 67, 1408 S. Prospect Street, who died Wednesday morning, were held at 9 am today in Sacred Heat Catholic Church. Burial was made in Hillside cemetery.

Pallbearers included Walter Schirpke, Albert Kraemer, John Esser, Joseph Martin, Roman Straub, and William Schueller.

John Faust, Mrs. Katherine Faust, Mrs. Norbert Zens, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Faust, and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Faust, all of Miller, S.D., were present for the services." Newspaper Obituary

CHILD 3 - Jerome Nicholas Faust

Jerome N. Faust

Wisconsin

Pvt 84 Ordinance Battalion

World War II PH

Person: Jerome N Faust

Family Group Record

Husband **Benedict Jacob Faust**

Wife **Anna Voskuhl**

Notes

CHILD 3 - Jerome Nicholas Faust (Continued)

Level of Education: 2 years of high school

Marital Status: Single, without dependents

Birth: 1916 Nebraska

Residence: Place: Wood County, Wisconsin

World War II

Branch: Army

Enlistment Date: 17 Sep 1942

Army Branch: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA

Name: Jerome N Faust Birth Year: 1916 Race: White, citizen (White) Nativity State or Country: Nebraska State of Residence: Wisconsin County or City: Wood Enlistment Date: 17 Sep 1942 Enlistment State: Wisconsin Enlistment City: Milwaukee Branch: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA Branch Code: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA Grade: Private Grade Code: Private Term of Enlistment: Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law Component: Selectees (Enlisted Men) Source: Civil Life Education: 2 years of high school Civil Occupation: Shipping and receiving clerks Marital Status: Single, without dependents Height: 68 Weight: 178

CHILD 5 - Harold Joseph Faust

Obituary Wednesday August 9, 2000 Marshfield Newspaper

Harold J. "Shorty" Faust, 789, of 109 W. Doege Street, died at 7:38p.m. August 7, 2000 in the Emergency Room of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10:30a.m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles D. Stoetzel, pastor, officiating. Music will be provided by Helen Brinkmann, organist, and St. John's Church Funeral Choir.

Burial will be in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery where military rites will be held by the American Legion Post 54 of Marshfield. Nephews will serve as pallbearers for Shorty.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Rembs/Kunding Chapel and again at the funeral chapel until service time on Friday. St. John's Prayer Service will be held at 4p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Shorty was born Sept. 14, 1921, in Creighton, Neb., to Benedict and Anna (nee Voskuhl) Faust. He married Dorothy M. Kleifgen on May 20, 1950, at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Pittsville.

He attended Sacred Heart Parochial School and Marshfield Public School. He served in the United States Army during World War II from October 1940 until July 1945 as a sergeant with Company A 254th Combat Engineers. He was stationed overseas for three and one-half years in battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and central Europe. He was employed at Clver Cream Dairy from 1946 to 1956. He then worked as a custodian from 1956 until retiring in 1986 for the Marshfield Public School System. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society; the American Legion Post 54; and VFW Post 1866 of Marshfield.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Faust of Marshfield; four sons and one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Faust of Marshfield, Benedict (Teri) Faust of Marshfield and their daughter Emily, Joseph (Erin) Faust of St. Paul, Minn., and their daughters, Anna and Bridget, Paul (Amy) Faust of Wausau and Michael (Kay) Faust of Manitowoc and their children, Lauren and Ryan.

He was predeceased by his parents and five brothers, Leonard, Lawrence, Jerome, Ralph, and Victor Faust. Memorials may be given in Shorty's name to either St. John's Restoration Fund of (sic) Marshfield Medical Research and Educational Foundation.

ANNIVERSARY

Harold and Dorothy Faust

Harold J. and Dorothy M. Faust of 109 W. Doege St., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 20, 2000, at St. Joachim's Church Hall, Pittsville.

A buffet lunch was served to 150 guests and relatives coming from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and

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Wife **Anna Voskuhl**

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Florida. Tables were decorated with gold and white balloons, gold-covered pots with pink geraniums and gold "50's" confetti sprinkled on white tablecloths.

Special decorations also included a topiary fresh flower arrangement of pink tulips, alstroemeria, white roses, lavender statice, baby's breath and ivy. The buffet also featured a large tiered wedding/anniversary cake decorated in gold, resting on a doily crocheted by Dorothy's grandmother, Anna Maria Bissen, in the 1800's.

White rose corsages and boutonnieres were worn by the wedding party. On display in the church hallway were posters made by each grandchild - five picture boards on easels depicting 50 years of life together. Also on display was Dorothy's wedding gown.

An anniversary song was sung by their grandchildren, Lauren, Ryan, Anna, Bridget and niece Nicole Cash. "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung by nieces Betty Campbell, Rose Wilson and nephew Art Mertes.

Original wedding attendants present for the celebration were Mildred (Lyle) Gruennert of Helenville, maid of honor; Joseph Kleifgen of Wisconsin Dells; Marie (Chas) Brandt of Marshfield; Dorothy Tomszyck of New London; and John Kleifgen of Nekoosa, usher.

Harold and Dorothy were united in marriage on May 20, 1950, at St. Joachim's Catholic Church, Pittsville, with the Rev. Paul N. Flad officiating.

Harold was born Sept. 14, 1921 in Creighton, Neb., the son of Ben and Ann (nee Voskuhl) Faust. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and Marshfield Public Schools. At age 4, he and his parents moved to Marshfield.

He served in the Army during World War II from October 1940 to July 1945 with Sgt. Co. A, 245th Combat Engineers, stationed overseas for 3-1/2 years in battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

He was employed at Clover Cream Dairy from 1946 to 1956, then worked as a custodian from 1956 until retiring in 1986 for the Marshfield Public School System.

Dorothy Mary Kleifgen was born Sept. 13, 1920 in Pittsville, the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth (nee Bissen) Kleifgen. She attended St. Joachim's Catholic School in Pittsville. Prior to marriage she was employed at the Pittsville Pottery and Braun's Department Store in Pittsville. She worked in Food Service for the Marshfield Public Schools from 1969 until retiring in 1985.

She is a member of the choir at St. Joachim's in Pittsville. The couple are members of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Marshfield, where Harold is a member of the Holy Name Society, and Dorothy is a member of the PCCW.

Their family includes a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Faust of Marshfield; four sons Ben (Teri) Faust of Marshfield, Joseph (Erin) Faust of St. Paul, Minn., Paul (Amy) Faust of Wausau and Michael (Kay) Faust of Manitowoc; and five grandchildren, Lauren, Ryan, Anna, Bridget and Emily Faust.

Harold served in the Army October, 1940 to July, 1945, as Sgt. Co. A 254th Engineers; was in foreign service 3-1/2 years; battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Both Dorothy and Harold are retired Marshfield Public School employees. They live at 109 West Doege Street, Marshfield, WI 54449; phone 715.384.9000. (From notes provided by Dorothy.)

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254th Engineer Combat Battalion
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In December 1944, the German offensive in the Ardennes known as the Battle of the Bulge came as a rude awakening to the American forces who believed the war to be all but won. The Germans surprised and overwhelmed several units. Among the American units that played a key role in fighting the Germans in the chaotic early days of the

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offensive were several engineer battalions. By destroying key bridges, creating obstacles, and fighting as infantry, the engineers delayed the Wehrmacht enough for the Allies to organize a counteroffensive. The engineers' actions were so effective that it led SS-LTC Joachim Peiper to mutter in frustration, "The damned engineers!" after several key bridges were blown before he could cross them.

The 254th Engineer Combat Battalion was one of the engineer units that fought with distinction in the Ardennes. The lineage of the 254th dates back to 8 August 1881 with the organization of the Calumet Light Guard, which was mustered into Michigan state service as Company B, 2d Battalion of Infantry. The unit served as infantry for several years and participated in the Spanish-American War. In 1906, it was converted to an engineer unit and redesignated Company A, Michigan Engineer Corps. Redesignated the 1st Engineer Battalion, the unit was drafted into Federal Service on 5 August 1917. A month later, the battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 1st Battalion, 107th Engineers, and attached to the 32nd Division. During World War I, the 107th participated in five campaigns; Meuse-Argonne, Oise-Aisne; Meuse-Argonne; Alsace 1918; and Champagne 1918.

As the U.S. geared up for World War II, the 107th Engineers was inducted into Federal Service on 15 October 1940. The regiment was reorganized as the 107th Engineer Combat Battalion and assigned to the 32nd Division in 1942. The 107th was inactivated shortly thereafter, then reorganized and redesignated as the 254th Engineer Combat Battalion on 19 August 1943, and assigned to the 1121st Engineer Combat Group, V Corps.

The 254th participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy by supporting the initial landings of the 29th Infantry Division. After the landings, the 254th cleared mines and booby traps, repaired damaged roads, and built bridges. The battalion's efforts greatly facilitated the link up of the Utah and Omaha beachheads.

The 254th played an active role as the Allies raced across France. The battalion was one of the first units to enter Paris. It built numerous bridges, removed obstacles and mines, and helped restore mobility to stalled infantry and armor units. On 11 September 1944, while accompanying the 5th Armored Division, the 254th became one of the first American Units to reach German soil. During the assaults on the Siegfried Line, the 254th destroyed fifty-two fortified positions.

It was during the Battle of the Bulge that the 254th experienced its most intense period of combat. On the night of 16 December, the 254th was committed as infantry along the northern shoulder of the Bulge and ordered to form a defensive line south and east of Bullingen, Belgium. At 0600 hours, elements of Kampfgruppe Peiper began assaulting the battalion's lines with infantry supported by tanks and half-tracks. Despite their lack of heavy arms, the men of the 254th repulsed the first two attacks. A third attack with tanks overran the battalion's lines, but stiff resistance prevented the supporting infantry from advancing.

Without adequate weapons to combat the German armor, and under heavy artillery fire, the 254th withdrew to successive positions, maintaining a heroic resistance for nine hours until relieved by the 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division.

As a result of its stand in the Ardennes, the 254th lost approximately 100 men dead, wounded, or taken prisoner. For this action, the battalion earned a Presidential Unit Citation with a Streamer embroidered "Belgium" and a French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, Streamer embroidered "Belgium."

After the Bulge, the 254th continued to serve with distinction until the end of the war. The battalion participated in the Rhine River crossings and constructed the largest tactical bridge in the ETO. It also took part in the liberation of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, and assisted in the clean up and reconstruction of the city after the end of hostilities. The 254th arrived back in the U.S. in December 1945 and was inactivated on 22 December at Camp Myles Standish, MA.

After the war, the 254th was consolidated with the 107th Engineer Combat Battalion and redesignated the 107th Engineer Combat Battalion. Today, the 107th is currently a Michigan Army National Guard unit headquartered in Ishpeming.

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Wife **Anna Voskuhl**

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US Army

254th Engineer Combat Battalion

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254th Engineer Combat Battalion

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At approximately midnight, 16 December, 1944, a message was received from the 1121st Engineer Combat Group that the Battalion was on a two-hour alert as infantry. The report also directed our commanding officer to report to the G-3, 99th Infantry Division at once.

At the 99th Headquarters, the commanding officer was told that the enemy had broken through and was coming up the Honsfeld-Bullingen highway. The G-3, 99th Infantry Division also instructed the commanding officer that all roads leading into Bullingen were blocked with tank destroyers and light tanks and this battalion was to form a defensive line south and east of Bullingen, Belgium, to protect these blocks. The battalion was then formed into two echelons; the forward set up a command post in Bullingen with the companies dug in on the south and west side of the town and the rear echelon commanded by Captain Fairfax of Headquarters and Service Company, moved to the vicinity of Waimes, Belgium, to await further orders.

After setting up the command post in Bullingen all guards of units stationed there were notified of the situation and runners were sent to locate the positions of the light tanks and tank-destroyers. The runners returned and reported that no light tanks or tank-destroyers could be found.

One sergeant of a tank-destroyer outfit was brought in by Company "B" and he stated that he had been captured at Honsfeld, escaped from the Germans, and wanted to report German armor heading toward Bullingen in strength. He said that he had seen twelve tanks and could hear more coming.

A short time later a 1st lieutenant walked into the command post, stood around to get warm, asked several questions, and stated that he had a platoon of armored infantry in half-tracks. His identification was checked and was satisfactory. When asked where his command post was he said that he was mobile and that the Germans were coming and he was leaving. This didn't seem unusual as they usually accompany tanks and the tanks had apparently also left.

At approximately 0600 hours four flares, blue, white, red and white, were observed to the right of our Company "B" front. About five minutes later tracked vehicles were headed in our direction. These were not positively identified as we presumed that there were still some division units in front of us. The first positive identification was shouts that were heard in German. The fire order was then given by 1st Lieutenant Huff, Company "B", who opened fire with rifles, rifle grenades and machine guns.

The German infantry then piled off the vehicles, one panzer tank and six half-tracks, got within 15 yards of our positions before being driven back. They pulled back and reorganized and in about 20 minutes the infantry charged our Company "B" positions under supporting fire of the tanks. The tanks fired few large caliber shells but most were 20mm high explosive shells and machine guns. This attack was in greater force and in spite of the tanks and shouts of their officers, they were driven back after sustaining heavy losses. The next 10 minutes gave us time to evacuate our wounded but now it was getting quite light.

Then, after 10 minutes they charged again, but this time the assault was led by their tanks. As no heavy anti-tank fire was encountered, the tanks spread out and over ran Company "B" positions crushing two machine guns. The men stayed in their foxholes and only three men were injured by the tanks passing over them.

The German infantry was still unable to over run our positions due to the intensive small arms fire. The German

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infantry then withdrew and maneuvered around our flank which was exposed. In this action one tank was knocked out and two of the twelve damaged while many Germans were left lying on the battlefield.

Having been over-run, the battalion was instructed to fight a delaying action falling back on Butgenbach, by G-3, 99th Infantry Division. Orders were issued by battalion for Company "C" to fight back out of town and north west along railroad tracks, Company "A", toward Wirtzfeld, and Company "B" and Headquarters down Bullingen-Butgenbach Road.

Company "C" fought back through town and took positions north of Bullingen. Company "A" as yet had not been pressed and held, and the battalion took positions on the ridge west of town. Company "B" having been cut off could not reach the road. Headquarters men were moved from position to position to give the appearance of a strongly held line with favorable terrain in front of them. This line could be seen from the town and when their point reorganized it took the St Vith road south. The enemy point, on reaching crossroads of the St Vith-Butgenbach road, halted for approximately ten minutes and finally moved south. Our objective had temporarily been accomplished.

After the enemy point passed, the support, at about 0800 hours, sent tanks toward Wirtzfeld where the 2nd Infantry Division met them with tank destroyers. They also knocked out one tank flanking Headquarters position west of town.

At about 1200 hours, two platoons of Company "B" had worked their way through the woods and joined Headquarters west of town and three anti-tank guns were found located at CR K93002. The Germans brought up artillery and shelled the position west of town, and at, approximately 1300 hours, the line, under several light tanks which had just arrived, dropped back to the crossroads.

At about 1500 hours, the 26th Infantry relieved the unit and took over this position. At 1545 hours Company "A" was subjected to shelling and strafing by our own troops. Because of this, the company commander ordered the company to withdraw toward Wirtzfeld. En route the 23rd Infantry was contacted, told of the situation, and they formally relieved Company "A" of the responsibility of their front.

After being relieved the battalion returned to Camp Elsenborn where we reorganized and prepared for our next missions.

/s/ Edwin F. Shaffer,

2nd Lt, 254th Engineers,

Adjutant

Source: Bulge Bugle, August 2010

An Uncle My Wife Never Knew

Posted by Bruce <<https://broeder10.blog/author/broeder10/>> on March 23, 2012 <<https://broeder10.blog/2012/03/23/an-uncle-my-wife-never-knew/>> in Genealogy <<https://broeder10.blog/category/history/conflicts/misc/odds-and-ends/genealogy/>>, History <<https://broeder10.blog/category/history/>>, WW2 <<https://broeder10.blog/tag/ww2/>>

James F. Robinson is the name of my wife's uncle. Like the uncle I did not know my wife did not know her uncle either. James died September, 19th, 1944 at the age of 24. He is buried At Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery in Belgium. His service record indicates a bronze star and purple heart. He held the rank of Private, First Class (PFC).

<<https://broeder10.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/hc4-11.jpg>>

American Cemetery, Belgium

We do not know much about James. He was my mother-in-law's half-brother and they all lived in the Oshkosh, Wisconsin area. There had been a divorce and the result was two blended families that didn't necessarily have much contact. My mother-in-law remembered him though. She was in the Army herself being trained as a WAC (women's army corp) around the time of James' death. She told me many years ago that the Army told the family James was killed by a sniper in the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg and was a Combat Engineer <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combat_engineer>.

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Wife **Anna Voskuhl**

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Judging by the date of James' death he would not have been killed in the Battle of the Bulge. The German Ardennes Offensive did not start until December, 1944 and James was killed in September, 1944.

I did verify that James was a Combat Engineer. He served in the 254th Engineer Combat Battalion <<http://http://armyhistoryjournal.com/?p=763>>. What follows below is a hint of where James may have died:

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It is likely that James was with the 254th Engineer Combat Battalion for the Normandy invasion which took place three months before his death (June 6th, 1944). According to the above, the 254th was attached to the 5th Armored Division <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Armored_Division_%28United_States%29> and on September 11th, 1944 became one of the first American units to enter Germany. Given the fact that James was killed 8 days later it's easy to speculate he was killed in Germany, very possibly by a sniper.

As I researched the records I learned there were quite a few American cemeteries in Europe. Henri-Chappelle in Belgium is only one of many and is located only seven miles from the German border-a fact that tends to verify that James was killed in Germany as the Siegfried Line was breached. Almost 8,000 American soldiers are buried at Henri-Chapelle. There is also a monument to 450 soldiers who are missing which probably means their remains were never found.

James was single. I think only one of James' siblings remains alive today, my wife's elderly aunt.

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Husband Jerome Nicholas Faust				
Born	20 Apr 1916	Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska		
Chr.		Place		
Died	13 Aug 1951	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Buried		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Married	2 Aug 1943	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Husband's father	Benedict Jacob Faust			
Husband's mother	Anna Voskuhl			
Wife Leah Hoerl				
Born	6 May 1916	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F	Marianne Kay Faust		
	Born	8 Jan 1947	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Arne Nystrom		
	Married	2 Dec 1972	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	

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Husband Jerome Nicholas Faust

Wife Leah Hoerl

Notes

HUSBAND - Jerome Nicholas Faust

Jerome N. Faust

Wisconsin

Pvt 84 Ordinance Battalion

World War II PH

Person: Jerome N Faust

Level of Education: 2 years of high school

Marital Status: Single, without dependents

Birth: 1916 Nebraska

Residence: Place: Wood County, Wisconsin

World War II




Branch: Army

Enlistment Date: 17 Sep 1942

Army Branch: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA

Name: Jerome N Faust Birth Year: 1916 Race: White, citizen (White) Nativity State or Country: Nebraska State of Residence: Wisconsin County or City: Wood Enlistment Date: 17 Sep 1942 Enlistment State: Wisconsin Enlistment City: Milwaukee Branch: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA Branch Code: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA Grade: Private Grade Code: Private Term of Enlistment: Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law Component: Selectees (Enlisted Men) Source: Civil Life Education: 2 years of high school Civil Occupation: Shipping and receiving clerks Marital Status: Single, without dependents Height: 68 Weight: 178

Family Group Record

Husband Arne Nystrom				
Born	23 Dec 1946	Place Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Married	2 Dec 1972	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				
Wife Marianne Kay Faust				
Born	8 Jan 1947	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father	Jerome Nicholas Faust			
Wife's mother	Leah Hoerl			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F	Dana Lynn Nystrom		
	Born	24 May 1985	Place LaCrosse, Wisconsin	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Steve Brilla		
	Married	31 Jul 2010	Place	

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Husband **Arne Nystrom**


Wife **Marianne Kay Faust**

Notes

CHILD 1 - Dana Lynn Nystrom

Dana is the adopted daughter of Marianne and Arne Nystrom.

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Husband Steve Brilla			
Born		Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	31 Jul 2010	Place	
Husband's father			
Husband's mother			
Wife Dana Lynn Nystrom			
Born	24 May 1985	Place LaCrosse, Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	Arne Nystrom		
Wife's mother	Marianne Kay Faust		

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Family Group Record

Husband **Steve Brilla**


Wife **Dana Lynn Nystrom**

Notes

WIFE - Dana Lynn Nystrom

Dana is the adopted daughter of Marianne and Arne Nystrom.

Family Group Record

Husband Ralph Albert Faust			
Born	27 Feb 1919	Place Petersburg, Boone, Nebraska	
Chr.		Place	
Died	29 Mar 1995	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Buried	1 Apr 1995	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Married	30 Nov 1946	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
Husband's father	Benedict Jacob Faust		
Husband's mother	Anna Voskuhl		
Wife Eileen A. Frankland			
Born	31 May 1918	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died	27 Sep 1991	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Buried	2 Oct 1991	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Wife's father			
Wife's mother			
Children List each child in order of birth.			
1	F Jeanne Faust		
Born	17 Dec 1947	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died	26 Aug 2019	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
Buried		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
Spouse	Daniel E. Frenzel		
Married	12 Feb 1968	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
2	M John Faust		
Born	6 Jan 1951	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Ann Heiman		
Married	28 Apr 1989	Place Nashua, Iowa	

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Husband **Ralph Albert Faust**

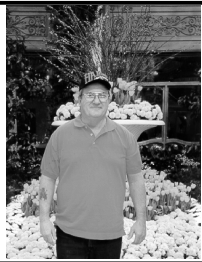


Wife **Eileen A. Frankland**

Notes

WIFE - Eileen A. Frankland

"In Memory Eillen A. Faust, Date of Birth May 31, 1918, Date of Death September 27, 1991. Place and Time of Service Rembs/Kundingger Chapel Wednesday, October 2, 1991, 10:00am, Marshfield, Wisconsin. Officiating Rev. Larry A. Moody, Pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church, Marshfield, Wisconsin. Organist Mrs. Joyce Wier. Pallbearers Chris Frenzel, Donald Mabeus, Scott Frankland, Cliff Faulks, James Frankland, Terry Frankland. Place of Interment Hillside Cemetery, Marshfield, Wisconsin." Funeral Card.

Family Group Record

Husband Daniel E. Frenzel					
Born	16 May 1945	Place Rib Lake, Wisconsin			
Chr.		Place			
Died	2 Oct 2012	Place Gale, Wisconsin			
Buried		Place			
Married	12 Feb 1968	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin			
Husband's father	Bernard Frenzel				
Husband's mother	Pearl Bilecki				
Wife Jeanne Faust					
Born	17 Dec 1947	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin			
Chr.		Place			
Died	26 Aug 2019	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin			
Buried		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin			
Wife's father	Ralph Albert Faust				
Wife's mother	Eileen A. Frankland				
Children List each child in order of birth.					
1	M	Christopher Frenzel			
		Born	12 Mar 1968		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
		Chr.			Place
		Died			Place
		Buried			Place
		Spouse	Amy Wetzel		
		Married			Place

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Husband Daniel E. Frenzel

Wife Jeanne Faust

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HUSBAND - Daniel E. Frenzel

Daniel was killed in a motorcycle and car accident. He was the one riding the bike.

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Husband Christopher Frenzel			
Born	12 Mar 1968	Place	Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married		Place	
Husband's father	Daniel E. Frenzel		
Husband's mother	Jeanne Faust		
Wife Amy Wetzel			
Born		Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father			
Wife's mother			
Children List each child in order of birth.			
1	F	Jaylyn Frenzel	
	Born	Place	
	Chr.	Place	
	Died	Place	
	Buried	Place	
	Spouse		
	Married	Place	

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Husband John Faust			
Born	6 Jan 1951	Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	28 Apr 1989	Place Nashua, Iowa	
Husband's father	Ralph Albert Faust		
Husband's mother	Eileen A. Frankland		
Wife Ann Heiman			
Born	22 Aug 1956	Place Neillsville, Clark Co., Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	Francis Heiman		
Wife's mother	Evelyn R. Bedell		

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Husband Harold Joseph Faust				
Born	14 Sep 1921		Place Creighton, Knox, Nebraska	
Chr.			Place	
Died	7 Aug 2000		Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Buried	11 Aug 2000		Place Marshfield, Wood Co., Wisconsin	
Married	20 May 1950		Place Pittsville, Wisconsin	
Husband's father	Benedict Jacob Faust			
Husband's mother	Anna Voskuhl			
Wife Dorothy Mary Kleifgen				
Born	13 Sep 1920		Place Pittsville, Wood, Wisconsin	
Chr.			Place	
Died	25 Oct 2014		Place Marshfield, Wisconsin	
Buried	29 Oct 2014		Place Marshfield, Wisconsin	
Wife's father	Anton Kleifgen			
Wife's mother	Elizabeth Bissen			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F Mary Elizabeth Faust			
	Born	19 May 1951		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Chr.			Place
	Died			Place
	Buried			Place
	Spouse			
	Married			Place
2	M Benedict Harold Faust			
	Born	23 Jun 1954		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Chr.			Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Died			Place
	Buried			Place
	Spouse	Therese Lou Abler		
	Married	23 Oct 1976	Place Fond Du Lac, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin	
3	M Joseph Anton Faust			
	Born	6 Mar 1957		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Chr.			Place
	Died			Place
	Buried			Place
	Spouse	Erin Patricia Murphy		
	Married	7 Jan 1989	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
4	M Paul Jerome Faust			
	Born	28 Oct 1960		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Chr.			Place
	Died			Place
	Buried			Place
	Spouse	Amy Lynn Rucks		
	Married	16 Apr 1999	Place	
5	M Michael John Faust			
	Born	10 Feb 1962		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Chr.			Place
	Died			Place
	Buried			Place
	Spouse	Kay Louise Kazukewicz		
	Married	6 Sep 1986	Place Antigo, Langlade, Wisconsin	
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Husband **Harold Joseph Faust**

Wife **Dorothy Mary Kleifgen**

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HUSBAND - Harold Joseph Faust

Obituary Wednesday August 9, 2000 Marshfield Newspaper

Harold J. "Shorty" Faust, 789, of 109 W. Doege Street, died at 7:38p.m. August 7, 2000 in the Emergency Room of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10:30a.m. Friday at St. John's Catholic Church with the Rev. Charles D. Stoetzel, pastor, officiating. Music will be provided by Helen Brinkmann, organist, and St. John's Church Funeral Choir.

Burial will be in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery where military rites will be held by the American Legion Post 54 of Marshfield. Nephews will serve as pallbearers for Shorty.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Rembs/Kunding Chapel and again at the funeral chapel until service time on Friday. St. John's Prayer Service will be held at 4p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Shorty was born Sept. 14, 1921, in Creighton, Neb., to Benedict and Anna (nee Voskuhl) Faust. He married Dorothy M. Kleifgen on May 20, 1950, at St. Joachim's Catholic Church in Pittsville.

He attended Sacred Heart Parochial School and Marshfield Public School. He served in the United States Army during World War II from October 1940 until July 1945 as a sergeant with Company A 254th Combat Engineers. He was stationed overseas for three and one-half years in battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and central Europe. He was employed at Clver Cream Dairy from 1946 to 1956. He then worked as a custodian from 1956 until retiring in 1986 for the Marshfield Public School System. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society; the American Legion Post 54; and VFW Post 1866 of Marshfield.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Faust of Marshfield; four sons and one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Faust of Marshfield, Benedict (Teri) Faust of Marshfield and their daughter Emily, Joseph (Erin) Faust of St. Paul, Minn., and their daughters, Anna and Bridget, Paul (Amy) Faust of Wausau and Michael (Kay) Faust of Manitowoc and their children, Lauren and Ryan.

He was predeceased by his parents and five brothers, Leonard, Lawrence, Jerome, Ralph, and Victor Faust. Memorials may be given in Shorty's name to either St. John's Restoration Fund of (sic) Marshfield Medical Research and Educational Foundation.

ANNIVERSARY

Harold and Dorothy Faust

Harold J. and Dorothy M. Faust of 109 W. Doege St., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 20, 2000, at St. Joachim's Church Hall, Pittsville.

A buffet lunch was served to 150 guests and relatives coming from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Florida. Tables were decorated with gold and white balloons, gold-covered pots with pink geraniums and gold "50's" confetti sprinkled on white tablecloths.

Special decorations also included a topiary fresh flower arrangement of pink tulips, alstroemeria, white roses, lavender statice, baby's breath and ivy. The buffet also featured a large tired wedding/anniversary cake decorated in gold, resting on a doily crocheted by Dorothy's grandmother, Anna Maria Bissen, in the 1800's.

White rose corsages and boutonnieres were worn by the wedding party. On display in the church halwere posters made by each grandchild - five picture boards on easels depicting 50 years of life together. Also on display was Dorothy's wdding gown.

An anniversary song was sung by their grandchildren, Lauren, Ryan, Anna, Bridget and niece Nicole Cash. "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" was sung by nieces Betty Campbell, Rose Wilson and nephew Art Mertes.

Original wedding attendants present for the celebration were Mildred (Lyle) Gruennert of Helenville, maid of honor; Joseph Kleifgen of Wisconsin Dells; Marie (Chas) Brandt of Marshfield; Dorothy Tomszyck of New London; and John Kleifgen of Nekoosa, usher.

Harold and Dorothy were united in marriage on May 20, 1950, at St. Joachim's Catholic Church, Pittsville, with the Rev. Paul N. Flad officiating.

Harold was born Sept. 14, 1921 in Creighton, Neb., the son of Ben and Ann (nee Voskuhl) Faust. He attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and Marshfield Public Schools. At age 4, he and his parents moved to Marshfield.

He served in the Army during World War II from October 1940 to July 1945 with Sgt. Co. A, 245th Combat

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HUSBAND - Harold Joseph Faust (Continued)

Engineers, stationed overseas for 3-1/2 years in battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

He was employed at Clover Cream Dairy from 1946 to 1956, then worked as a custodian from 1956 until retiring in 1986 for the Marshfield Public School System.

Dorothy Mary Kleifgen was born Sept. 13, 1920 in Pittsville, the daughter of Anton and Elizabeith (nee Bissen) Kleifgen. She attended St. Joachim's Catholic School in Pittsville. Prior to marriage she was employed at the Pittsville Pottery and Braun's Department Store in Pittsville. She worked in Food Service for the Marshfield Public Schools from 1969 until retiring in 1985.

She is a member of the choir at St. Joachim's in Pittsville. The couple are members of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Marshfield, where Harold is a member of the Holy Name Society, and Dorothy is a member of the PCCW.

Their family includes a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Faust of Marshfield; four sons Ben (Teri) Faust of Marshfield, Joseph (Erin) Faust of St. Paul, Minn., Paul (Amy) Faust of Wausau and Michael (Kay) Faust of Manitowoc; and five grandchildren, Lauren, Ryan, Anna, Bridget and Emily Faust.

Harold served in the Army October, 1940 to July, 1945, as Sgt. Co. A 254th Engineers; was in foreign service 3-1/2 years; battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. Both Dorothy and Harold are retired Marshfield Public School employees. They live at 109 West Doege Street, Marshfield, WI 54449; phone 715.384.9000. (From notes provided by Dorothy.)

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254th Engineer Combat Battalion
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In December 1944, the German offensive in the Ardennes known as the Battle of the Bulge came as a rude awakening to the American forces who believed the war to be all but won. The Germans surprised and overwhelmed several units. Among the American units that played a key role in fighting the Germans in the chaotic early days of the offensive were several engineer battalions. By destroying key bridges, creating obstacles, and fighting as infantry, the engineers delayed the Wehrmacht enough for the Allies to organize a counteroffensive. The engineers' actions were so effective that it led SS-LTC Joachim Peiper to mutter in frustration, "The damned engineers!" after several key bridges were blown before he could cross them.

The 254th Engineer Combat Battalion was one of the engineer units that fought with distinction in the Ardennes. The lineage of the 254th dates back to 8 August 1881 with the organization of the Calumet Light Guard, which was mustered into Michigan state service as Company B, 2d Battalion of Infantry. The unit served as infantry for several years and participated in the Spanish-American War. In 1906, it was converted to an engineer unit and redesignated Company A, Michigan Engineer Corps. Redesignated the 1st Engineer Battalion, the unit was drafted into Federal Service on 5 August 1917. A month later, the battalion was reorganized and redesignated the 1st Battalion, 107th Engineers, and attached to the 32nd Division. During World War I, the 107th participated in five campaigns; Meuse-Argonne, Oise-Aisne; Meuse-Argonne; Alsace 1918; and Champagne 1918.

As the U.S. geared up for World War II, the 107th Engineers was inducted into Federal Service on 15 October 1940. The regiment was reorganized as the 107th Engineer Combat Battalion and assigned to the 32nd Division in 1942. The 107th was inactivated shortly thereafter, then reorganized and redesignated as the 254th Engineer Combat Battalion on 19 August 1943, and assigned to the 1121st Engineer Combat Group, V Corps.

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The 254th participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy by supporting the initial landings of the 29th Infantry Division. After the landings, the 254th cleared mines and booby traps, repaired damaged roads, and built bridges. The battalion's efforts greatly facilitated the link up of the Utah and Omaha beachheads.

The 254th played an active role as the Allies raced across France. The battalion was one of the first units to enter Paris. It built numerous bridges, removed obstacles and mines, and helped restore mobility to stalled infantry and armor units. On 11 September 1944, while accompanying the 5th Armored Division, the 254th became one of the first American Units to reach German soil. During the assaults on the Siegfried Line, the 254th destroyed fifty-two fortified positions.

It was during the Battle of the Bulge that the 254th experienced its most intense period of combat. On the night of 16 December, the 254th was committed as infantry along the northern shoulder of the Bulge and ordered to form a defensive line south and east of Bullingen, Belgium. At 0600 hours, elements of Kampfgruppe Peiper began assaulting the battalion's lines with infantry supported by tanks and half-tracks. Despite their lack of heavy arms, the men of the 254th repulsed the first two attacks. A third attack with tanks overran the battalion's lines, but stiff resistance prevented the supporting infantry from advancing.

Without adequate weapons to combat the German armor, and under heavy artillery fire, the 254th withdrew to successive positions, maintaining a heroic resistance for nine hours until relieved by the 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division.

As a result of its stand in the Ardennes, the 254th lost approximately 100 men dead, wounded, or taken prisoner. For this action, the battalion earned a Presidential Unit Citation with a Streamer embroidered "Belgium" and a French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, Streamer embroidered "Belgium."

After the Bulge, the 254th continued to serve with distinction until the end of the war. The battalion participated in the Rhine River crossings and constructed the largest tactical bridge in the ETO. It also took part in the liberation of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, and assisted in the clean up and reconstruction of the city after the end of hostilities. The 254th arrived back in the U.S. in December 1945 and was inactivated on 22 December at Camp Myles Standish, MA.

After the war, the 254th was consolidated with the 107th Engineer Combat Battalion and redesignated the 107th Engineer Combat Battalion. Today, the 107th is currently a Michigan Army National Guard unit headquartered in Ishpeming.

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254th Engineer Combat Battalion

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At approximately midnight, 16 December, 1944, a message was received from the 1121st Engineer Combat Group that the Battalion was on a two-hour alert as infantry. The report also directed our commanding officer to report to the G-3, 99th Infantry Division at once.

At the 99th Headquarters, the commanding officer was told that the enemy had broken through and was coming up the Honsfeld-Bullingen highway. The G-3, 99th Infantry Division also instructed the commanding officer that all roads leading into Bullingen were blocked with tank destroyers and light tanks and this battalion was to form a defensive line south and east of Bullingen, Belgium, to protect these blocks. The battalion was then formed into two echelons; the forward set up a command post in Bullingen with the companies dug in on the south and west side of the town and the

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rear echelon commanded by Captain Fairfax of Headquarters and Service Company, moved to the vicinity of Waimes, Belgium, to await further orders.

After setting up the command post in Bullingen all guards of units stationed there were notified of the situation and runners were sent to locate the positions of the light tanks and tank-destroyers. The runners returned and reported that no light tanks or tank-destroyers could be found.

One sergeant of a tank-destroyer outfit was brought in by Company "B" and he stated that he had been captured at Honsfeld, escaped from the Germans, and wanted to report German armor heading toward Bullingen in strength. He said that he had seen twelve tanks and could hear more coming.

A short time later a 1st lieutenant walked into the command post, stood around to get warm, asked several questions, and stated that he had a platoon of armored infantry in half-tracks. His identification was checked and was satisfactory. When asked where his command post was he said that he was mobile and that the Germans were coming and he was leaving. This didn't seem unusual as they usually accompany tanks and the tanks had apparently also left.

At approximately 0600 hours four flares, blue, white, red and white, were observed to the right of our Company "B" front. About five minutes later tracked vehicles were headed in our direction. These were not positively identified as we presumed that there were still some division units in front of us. The first positive identification was shouts that were heard in German. The fire order was then given by 1st Lieutenant Huff, Company "B", who opened fire with rifles, rifle grenades and machine guns.

The German infantry then piled off the vehicles, one panzer tank and six half-tracks, got within 15 yards of our positions before being driven back. They pulled back and reorganized and in about 20 minutes the infantry charged our Company "B" positions under supporting fire of the tanks. The tanks fired few large caliber shells but most were 20mm high explosive shells and machine guns. This attack was in greater force and in spite of the tanks and shouts of their officers, they were driven back after sustaining heavy losses. The next 10 minutes gave us time to evacuate our wounded but now it was getting quite light.

Then, after 10 minutes they charged again, but this time the assault was led by their tanks. As no heavy anti-tank fire was encountered, the tanks spread out and over ran Company "B" positions crushing two machine guns. The men stayed in their foxholes and only three men were injured by the tanks passing over them.

The German infantry was still unable to over run our positions due to the intensive small arms fire. The German infantry then withdrew and maneuvered around our flank which was exposed. In this action one tank was knocked out and two of the twelve damaged while many Germans were left lying on the battlefield.

Having been over-run, the battalion was instructed to fight a delaying action falling back on Butgenbach, by G-3, 99th Infantry Division. Orders were issued by battalion for Company "C" to fight back out of town and north west along railroad tracks, Company "A", toward Wirtzfeld, and Company "B" and Headquarters down Bullingen-Butgenbach Road.

Company "C" fought back through town and took positions north of Bullingen. Company "A" as yet had not been pressed and held, and the battalion took positions on the ridge west of town. Company "B" having been cut off could not reach the road. Headquarters men were moved from position to position to give the appearance of a strongly held line with favorable terrain in front of them. This line could be seen from the town and when their point reorganized it took the St Vith road south. The enemy point, on reaching crossroads of the St Vith-Butgenbach road, halted for approximately ten minutes and finally moved south. Our objective had temporarily been accomplished.

After the enemy point passed, the support, at about 0800 hours, sent tanks toward Wirtzfeld where the 2nd Infantry Division met them with tank destroyers. They also knocked out one tank flanking Headquarters position west of town.

At about 1200 hours, two platoons of Company "B" had worked their way through the woods and joined Headquarters

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west of town and three anti-tank guns were found located at CR K93002. The Germans brought up artillery and shelled the position west of town, and at, approximately 1300 hours, the line, under several light tanks which had just arrived, dropped back to the crossroads.

At about 1500 hours, the 26th Infantry relieved the unit and took over this position. At 1545 hours Company "A" was subjected to shelling and strafing by our own troops. Because of this, the company commander ordered the company to withdraw toward Wirtzfeld. En route the 23rd Infantry was contacted, told of the situation, and they formally relieved Company "A" of the responsibility of their front.

After being relieved the battalion returned to Camp Elsenborn where we reorganized and prepared for our next missions.

/s/ Edwin F. Shaffer,

2nd Lt, 254th Engineers,

Adjutant

Source: Bulge Bugle, August 2010

An Uncle My Wife Never Knew

Posted by Bruce <<https://broeder10.blog/author/broeder10/>> on March 23, 2012 <<https://broeder10.blog/2012/03/23/an-uncle-my-wife-never-knew/>> in Genealogy <<https://broeder10.blog/category/history/conflicts/misc/odds-and-ends/genealogy/>>, History <<https://broeder10.blog/category/history/>>, WW2 <<https://broeder10.blog/tag/ww2/>>
James F. Robinson is the name of my wife's uncle. Like the uncle I did not know my wife did not know her uncle either. James died September, 19th, 1944 at the age of 24. He is buried At Henri-Chappelle American Cemetery in Belgium. His service record indicates a bronze star and purple heart. He held the rank of Private, First Class (PFC).
<<https://broeder10.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/hc4-11.jpg>>

American Cemetery, Belgium

We do not know much about James. He was my mother-in-law's half-brother and they all lived in the Oshkosh, Wisconsin area. There had been a divorce and the result was two blended families that didn't necessarily have much contact. My mother-in-law remembered him though. She was in the Army herself being trained as a WAC (women's army corp) around the time of James' death. She told me many years ago that the Army told the family James was killed by a sniper in the Battle of the Bulge in Luxembourg and was a Combat Engineer <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Combat_engineer>.

Judging by the date of James' death he would not have been killed in the Battle of the Bulge. The German Ardennes Offensive did not start until December, 1944 and James was killed in September, 1944.

I did verify that James was a Combat Engineer. He served in the 254th Engineer Combat Battalion <<http://http://armyhistoryjournal.com/?p=763>>. What follows below is a hint of where James may have died:

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It is likely that James was with the 254th Engineer Combat Battalion for the Normandy invasion which took place three months before his death (June 6th, 1944). According to the above, the 254th was attached to the 5th Armored Division <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/5th_Armored_Division_%28United_States%29> and on September 11th, 1944 became one of the first American units to enter Germany. Given the fact that James was killed 8 days later it's easy to speculate he was killed in Germany, very possibly by a sniper.

As I researched the records I learned there were quite a few American cemeteries in Europe. Henri-Chappelle in Belgium is only one of many and is located only seven miles from the German border-a fact that tends to verify that

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James was killed in Germany as the Siegfried Line was breached. Almost 8,000 American soldiers are buried at Henri-Chapelle. There is also a monument to 450 soldiers who are missing which probably means their remains were never found.

James was single. I think only one of James' siblings remains alive today, my wife's elderly aunt.

WIFE - Dorothy Mary Kleifgen

Dorothy M. (Kleifgen) Faust, 94 of Marshfield died Saturday, October 25, 2014 at her home.

Dorothy was born September 13, 1920 on the family farm in Pittsville, the daughter of Anton and Elizabeth (Bissen) Kleifgen, the youngest of eight children. She graduated from St. Joachim's Catholic School, Pittsville. She worked at Pittsville Pottery/Wisconsin Ceramics, from 1938-40 as a finisher. Some of the pieces she worked with are still found in area antique stores and owned by area collectors.

She then worked at Baum's Department Store, Pittsville as a clerk for 10 years and because of her eye for fashion, she was responsible for buying bolts of fabric and her boss told her that "if you like it, others will buy it."

She later worked at Karau's Supermarket in the bakery as a demonstrator and other tasks.

Then she worked at Marshfield Public Schools from 1968-74 at Grant Elementary School in food service and from 1975-85 at Marshfield High School in various roles until her retirement.

She was married to Harold J. "Shorty" Faust, son of Ben and Anna (Voskuhl) Faust on May 20, 1950 at Joachim's Catholic Church, Pittsville by the Rev. Paul N. Flad. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 20, 2000 at St. Joachim's Parish Hall.

The couple made their first home at 603 W. Blodgett St., Marshfield. They later moved to 500 N. Maple Ave. and then bought their present home on W. Doege Street in 1961.

Her first love was organizing and preserving the history of her family. Family members came to her for information regarding genealogy. She enjoyed singing in the Pittsville choir, canning, baking and was noted for her coffee cakes and stollen. Dorothy generously gave away the bounty of her garden to her family and friends. She was an avid Cubs fan, enjoyed crocheting, reading and crossword puzzles. She had a deep love for her family, her many nieces and nephews, and her friends of all ages knew her quick wit and sense of humor.

Her life was centered on her great love of family. Always welcomed company and her parting words were "come see me again."

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church since 1950 and the Parish Council of Catholic Women which she served as chairman and co-chairman.

The couple had one daughter, Mary of Marshfield.; four sons and five grandchildren, Ben and Teri (Abler) of Marshfield and their daughter and son-in-law Emily and Luke Jones; Joe and Erin (Murphy) of St. Paul, MN and their twin daughters Anna and Bridget; Paul and Amy (Rucks) of Mosinee and Michael and Kay (Kazukewicz) of Manitowoc and their children Lauren and Ryan. She is further survived by 33 nieces and nephews, 115 great-nieces and great-nephews and their families.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Shorty who died August 7, 2000; three sisters and their husbands, Aurelia and Al Mertes, Armella and Tony Bruley, and Alvina and her first husband, Glen Goodness, and her second husband, Cecil Donahue;

four brothers and their wives, Nick and Bea Kleifgen, Alfred and Lidvina Kleifgen, Herbert and Lillian Kleifgen, and Aloysius and Marie Kleifgen.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30am Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at St. John's Catholic Church with Fr. Sam

Family Group Record

Husband **Harold Joseph Faust**

Wife **Dorothy Mary Kleifgen**

Notes

WIFE - Dorothy Mary Kleifgen (Continued)

Martin officiating. Cindy Penker along with St. John's Funeral Choir will provide the music. Burial will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Marshfield.

Visitations will be from 4-7pm Tuesday at Rembs Funeral Home, Marshfield and again on Wednesday at the church from 9:30am until service time. There will be a 4pm rosary service Tuesday by the Parish Council of Catholic Women at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation for cancer research being conducted by Oncologist/Hematologist Douglas Reding, M.D., M.P.H., or St. John's Catholic Church, Marshfield.

- See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/marshfieldnews Herald/obituary.aspx?pid=172950096#sthash.bt34aOCX.dpuf>

CHILD 1 - Mary Elizabeth Faust

Mary is a graduate of Gogebic College, Ironwood, Michigan. She was employed as an LPN at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield while attending the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, where she received her BS Degree in nursing in 1994, graduating Cum Laude. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Society. Mary remains at St. Joseph's as an operating room nurse specializing in Cardiovascular Surgery.

CHILD 2 - Benedict Harold Faust

Information updated by Ben on January 22, 2000.

Ben and Teri were married in Fond du Lac in St. Peter's Catholic Church. Teri is a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Histology, Marshfield. She is a housewife and children's karate instructor. Ben is employed by the Marshfield School System as a Custodian.

CHILD 3 - Joseph Anton Faust

Joe was married in St John's Catholic Church. Joe is a graduate of the UW-Stevens Point, with a BS in Wildlife Management. He is co-owner of Hughes and Faust Decorating in St. Paul, Minnesota. Erin is a graduate of the UW-Oashkosh, with a BS in Nursing. She was employed as a Political Organizer for the Minnesota Nursing Association before taking a position of Legislative Director at the Attorney General's Office in Minnesota.



CHILD 4 - Paul Jerome Faust

Paul is a graduate of Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI with a Political Science Degree. He is employed as a Corrections Officer with the Marathon County Sheriff's Department in Wausau. Amy graduated in 1987 from State College of Beauty Culture, Wausau with a degree in Cosmetology. She is employed at Regis Hairstylists in Wausau.

CHILD 5 - Michael John Faust

Mike and Kay were married in United Methodist Church, Antigo, Wisconsin. Michael is a graduate of the UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI with a BS in Industrial Technology. Before returning to Wisconsin, Mike was employed by General Dynamics-Convair Division in San Diego, CA. Kay is also a graduate of UW-Stout with a BS in Art. She was employed as Graphic Designer for Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. Michael is now employed by the Miro Company as a Consumer Quality Manager in Manitowac, WI. Kay is a designer for Visible Ink.

Family Group Record

Husband Benedict Harold Faust				
Born	23 Jun 1954	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Married	23 Oct 1976	Place Fond Du Lac, Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin		
Husband's father	Harold Joseph Faust			
Husband's mother	Dorothy Mary Kleifgen			
Wife Therese Lou Abler				
Born	26 Sep 1955	Place		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father	Francis Edward Abler			
Wife's mother	Mary Frances Stephany			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F Emily Rose Faust			
	Born	12 May 1992		Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin
	Chr.			Place
	Died			Place
	Buried			Place
	Spouse	Luke Jones		
	Married	14 Jul 2012		Place

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Family Group Record

Husband **Benedict Harold Faust**

Wife **Therese Lou Abler**



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HUSBAND - Benedict Harold Faust

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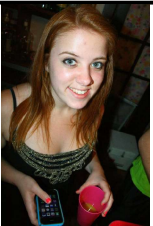

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Family Group Record

Husband Luke Jones			
Born		Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	14 Jul 2012	Place	
Husband's father			
Husband's mother			
Wife Emily Rose Faust			
Born	12 May 1992	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	Benedict Harold Faust		
Wife's mother	Therese Lou Abler		

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Husband Joseph Anton Faust				
Born	6 Mar 1957	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Married	7 Jan 1989	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Husband's father	Harold Joseph Faust			
Husband's mother	Dorothy Mary Kleifgen			
Wife Erin Patricia Murphy				
Born	13 Mar 0190	Place Columbus, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father	Bernard Jerome Murphy			
Wife's mother	Kathleen Ruth Schroeder			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F	Anna Elizabeth Murphy Faust		
	Born	30 May 1991	Place St. Paul, Minnesota	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Kurk Altmann		
	Married	20 May 2017	Place St Paul, Minnesota	
2	F	Bridget Frances Murphy Faust		
	Born	30 May 1991	Place St. Paul, Minnesota	
	Chr.		Place	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse	Joshua Accola		
	Married	8 Aug 2020	Place Minnespolis, Minnesota	

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Husband **Joseph Anton Faust**

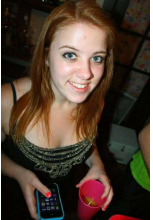
Wife **Erin Patricia Murphy**

Notes

HUSBAND - Joseph Anton Faust


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Husband Kurk Altmann			
Born		Place	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	20 May 2017	Place St Paul, Minnesota	
Husband's father			
Husband's mother			
Wife Anna Elizabeth Murphy Faust			
Born	30 May 1991	Place St. Paul, Minnesota	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	Joseph Anton Faust		
Wife's mother	Erin Patricia Murphy		

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Husband Joshua Accola			
Born	Place		
Chr.	Place		
Died	Place		
Buried	Place		
Married	8 Aug 2020	Place Minnespolis, Minnesota	
Husband's father			
Husband's mother			
Wife Bridget Frances Murphy Faust			
Born	30 May 1991	Place St. Paul, Minnesota	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	Joseph Anton Faust		
Wife's mother	Erin Patricia Murphy		

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Husband Paul Jerome Faust			
Born	28 Oct 1960	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Married	16 Apr 1999	Place	
Husband's father	Harold Joseph Faust		
Husband's mother	Dorothy Mary Kleifgen		
Wife Amy Lynn Rucks			
Born	24 Jan 1968	Place Wausau, Wisconsin	
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Buried		Place	
Wife's father	John Rucks		
Wife's mother	Paulette Woodward		

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Husband Paul Jerome Faust





Wife Amy Lynn Rucks

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Family Group Record

Husband Michael John Faust				
Born	10 Feb 1962	Place Marshfield, Wood, Wisconsin		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Married	6 Sep 1986	Place Antigo, Langlade, Wisconsin		
Husband's father	Harold Joseph Faust			
Husband's mother	Dorothy Mary Kleifgen			
Wife Kay Louise Kazukewicz				
Born	11 Aug 1963	Place Duluth, Minnesota		
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
Wife's father	Andrew Nicholas Kazukewicz			
Wife's mother	Nancy Ruth Ahlberg			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F	Lauren Nancy Faust		
	Born	16 Jan 1991	Place San Diego, California	
	Chr.		Place Antigo, Wisconsin	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	
2	M	Ryan Michael Faust		
	Born	1 Nov 1992	Place San Diego, California	
	Chr.		Place Antigo, Wisconsin	
	Died		Place	
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	

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Family Group Record

Husband **Michael John Faust**

Wife **Kay Louise Kazukewicz**

Notes

HUSBAND - Michael John Faust

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