

CPO Everett L (Steve) Ellefson

Born: June 18, 1917
on Island

Died: Aug 27, 1978
Green Bav

Period of Service: WW II
Navy
Sources: Cemetery 053 S,
B10 F2, Monument, JE, Am
Legion scrapbook box 17

Service # 633-75-36

Entered service 7/29/1942 in Los Angeles

Discharged 12/15/1945 at San Pedro, CA.

He spent part of his service aboard *USS Saratoga*, *USS Randolph*.

He participated in the battles of Bougainville, the Gilbert Islands, Iwo Jima, the Marshall Islands, the East Indies and Okinawa.

He was part of the 12th torpedo squadron.

He sailed from San Diego on *USS KittyHawk* arriving in Pearl Harbor 3/10/1943, from there to Houmes, New Caledonia 7/10/1943.

The family thought he had been lost, and planted a tree in his memory, and before the leaves sprouted they got a letter from him.

His job was to keep the Hellcat planes on his ship in first class condition. His air group was known as Crammelin's Thunderbirds after its commander, Charles L. Crammelin. That group "pulverized Jap supply depots, airfields and aircraft engine plants in and around Tokyo" according to a report from the fleet.

He joined the American Legion Post 402 in 1945, and was Commander in 1951..

His wife was a German girl, Genevieve Wojak Bellion whom he married 1/31/1948. Thirty attended the wedding celebration at the Log Cabin. His daughter Melinda still lives in the family home. Jake is his brother. Everett was first baseman for the Island team. His son is a commander in the Navy with 27 years service, and visits the Island in the summer.

Steve was a commercial fisherman for a number of years.

His parents were Jacob Ellefson and Grace Hahnkuper.

Picture on reverse.

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