

T/Sgt Clifford Charles Young

Born Jan 9, 1919 on
the Island

Died: 4/16/1990

Service # 36284529

Period of Service: WW II
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Lorel Gordon, Am Legion
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He was drafted Dec 1, 1942 at Ft Sheridan and trained for gunnery school. Served with 14th RCD SQ B BRKS J. Discharged 11/21/1944.

Stationed in England, Pensacola, FL; St Petersburg; Avon Park, CO; Sioux Falls, SD; Ft Sheridan; Tyndal Falls, FL.

He was a radio operator and performed flight maintenance on all radio equipment, and as well handled the machine gun position in the aircraft.

He sustained life threatening injuries on a mission May 8, 1944, after seven missions over Normandy, the Ardennes, and in the air offensive over Europe, and the Rhineland. He was wounded in the legs and eyes. He spent months in a hospital in England and then was transported to the US to continue his recovery, which was at Green Bay 2/9/1946 to 2/12/1946.

He had a week's furlough in London and looked up Gordon Jepson from the Island. It took him two days to find him though they were stationed only 60 miles apart. They took in the sights together.

Medals include Purple Heart, Good Conduct, EAME, and European Theater with five battle stars, the Victory medal, and the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement in a heavy bombardment mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe". His Purple Heart was from wounds he suffered in the eyes, arm, and body

Married Betty Greenfeldt (born 4/6/1923) on May 14, 1942. He and Betty had three children: Jennifer Lynn, Benjamin Anker born 1949 and Lorel Jean Young born June 24, 1951. Later in life he contracted Lou Gehrig's disease. (JG)

His parents were John Benjamin Young and Agnes Sophie Jess who were married on August 1, 1896.

Before and after service he was a commercial fisherman.

Picture on reverse side.

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