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Husband Ralph Lowell COLEMAN		
Birth	8 Aug 1913	Lima, Allen, Ohio ¹
Census	1920	Concord Township, Champaign County, Ohio ²
Census	1930	Salem Township, Champaign, Ohio ³
Military	3 Jan 1944	Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio ⁴
News	10 Feb 1944	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ⁵
News	24 Apr 1945	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ⁶
News	3 May 1945	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ⁷
Death	7 May 1945	Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii ^{8,9}
Burial	12 May 1945	Old Post Cemetery, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii ¹⁰
News	25 May 1945	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ¹¹
Burial	19 Feb 1949	The National Cemetery of the Pacific, Plot O-480, "Punchbowl Crater," Honolulu,
Marriage	24 Sep 1932	Kingscreek, Champaign County, Ohio ¹⁶
Divorce	1938	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ¹⁷
Father	William Smith COLEMAN (1885-1968)	
Mother	Eva Marie SHAFER (1891-1944)	
Other spouse	Kathleen Irene IMPSON (1911-1980)	
Marriage	15 Dec 1943	Unionville Ctr, Union, Ohio ^{18,19}
Other spouse	Alliene DENT (1910-1987)	
Marriage	29 Feb 1940	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ²⁰
Divorce	4 Oct 1943	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ²¹
Wife Waverly Jane ADAMS²²⁻²⁴		
Birth	21 Jun 1913	Lawrence, Kentucky
Census	1920	Georges Creek, Lawrence, Kentucky ²⁵
Census	1930	Harmony, Clark, Ohio ²⁶
Death	11 Jul 1976	Santa Cruz., California ²⁷
Burial		
Father	William ADAMS (1885-)	
Mother	Francis L. PAYNE (1889-)	
Other spouse	Ralph PICKELSIMER (-1945)	
Marriage		
Children		
1	F	June COLEMAN
Birth	21 Jan 1932	. , Ohio ²⁸
Death	26 Dec 1932	Mad River Township, Champaign County, Ohio ²⁸
Burial	27 Dec 1932	Concord Cemetery, Concord Twp, Champaign, Ohio ²⁸
Marriage		
2	F	Betty Louise COLEMAN^{23,24}
Birth	26 Sep 1933	Champaign, Ohio ²⁹
Death	12 Aug 1992	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ^{29,30}
Burial		Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana, Champaign, Ohio ³¹
Spouse	Charles DICKERSON (-)	
Marriage		
Spouse	James A. LEE Jr. (-)	
Marriage		
3	F	Mary JoAnn COLEMAN^{23,24}
Birth	9 Sep 1935	Urbana, Champaign, Ohio ³²
Death	15 Aug 2001	Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio ^{32,33}
Burial	17 Aug 2001	Oak Dale Cemetery, Urbana, Champaign, Ohio ^{31,34}
Spouse	Robert KIMBALL (-)	
Marriage		
Spouse	Donald Elwood CROOKS (1931-2000)	
Marriage		
4		
Birth		
Chr		
Death		
Burial		
Marriage		
5		
Birth		
Chr		
Death		
Burial		
Marriage		
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5. Twenty-Five County Men Receive Training article, *Urbana Daily Citizen*, Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, 10 Feb 1944, Front Page. Twenty Five County Men Receive Training

(photo)

Inducted into the Armed Forces from Champaign County, these twenty-five men are now receiving their basic training in camps in the United States. Show above, just before they boarded a train for Ft Thomas, Kentucky, are, left to right: First row, Clair M. Geur, Kenneth L. Skaggs, Charles A. Kite, Paul E. Jenkins, Harold M. Fansler, Ralph W. Crocker, Clarence R. Grow; second row, Robert M. Adkins, Ralph L. Coleman, Robert F. Markin, Paul A. Imel, Ralph Borders, and Robert C. May; third row, Kenneth R. Winston, Benjamin M. Zirkle, James O. Mahoy, James A. Thornton, William H. Nance, Donald Stultz, Donald J. Radford, John W. Kress, John F. Brown, Alva R. Cheeseman, Guy S. Spangler, and Paul Jenkins.

6. North Lewisburg Soldier Is Awarded Star article, *Urbana Daily Citizen*, Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, 24 April 1945, Front Page. N. Lewisburg Soldier Is Awarded Star

PFC Ralph Coleman of North Lewisburg has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in combat against the Japanese near Bamban on Luzon in the Philippines with the 40th Infantry Division.

The general order authorizing the award, published under the name of Major General Rapp Brush, 40th Infantry Division Commander, read:

"After the company commander had ordered his unit to a reverse slope to reorganize, PFC Coleman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward from the covered area under enemy mortar and small arms fire to give first aid to a wounded enlisted man whom he carried 100 yards to cover where he could be evacuated by the litter bearers.

"PFC Coleman's courageous performance of duty particularly inspired the men of his company."

PFC Coleman, landing with 40th Division assault forces on S-Day, Jan 9, at Lingayen Gulf in the initial invasion of Luzon, participated in the capture of Bamban, Clark Field, and Fort Stotsenburg.

In the furious battle for the caves and tunnels in the Cabusilan mountains overlooking Clark Field, PFC Coleman earned the Bronze Star medal.

He is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theater ribbon and the Philippines Campaign Ribbon of Liberation. He previously was stationed on New Britain in the Bismarcks.

7. Two Champaign County Boys Are Wounded article, *Urbana Daily Citizen*, Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, 3 May 1945, Front Page, col. 1. Two Champaign County Boys Are Wounded

Two more Champaign County soldiers have been wounded in action, it was declared today by the War Department. They are;

PFC Ralph Coleman, husband of Mrs. Kathleen Coleman, North Lewisburg, wounded in action the second time in the South Pacific.

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PVT Lawrence Meyer, husband of Mrs. Lillian Eaton Meyer, Rosewood, slightly wounded in action April 12 in Germany.

PFC Coleman who was serving with the 40th Infantry Division was wounded March 20 on Panay, in the Philippines. Just recently PFC Coleman was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in combat against the Japanese near Bataan (sic) on Luzon.

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8. Letter from Telegram from the United States War Department (Washington, DC) to Kathleen Irene Coleman, 12 May 1945; held by Ralph Lowell Coleman, Jr. (3415 Harrison Blvd #36, Ogden, Utah).

9. United States Army. Quartermaster General's Office. Rosters of World War II Dead, compiler, *U. S. Roster of World War II Dead, 1939-1945* (Provo, Utah: The Generations Network, Inc. (Online Database), 2007). Name: **Ralph L Coleman**

Gender: Male

Race: White

Religion: Protestant

Cemetery Name: National Memorial Cemetery of Pacific, Territory of Hawaii (Honolulu)

Grave Number: o 485

Disposition: According to next of kin

Service Branch: Army

Rank: Private First Class

Service Number: 35297946.

10. Letter from James M. Becker, Major, Chaplain, United States Army (Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii) to Mrs. Kathleen Irene Coleman, May 1945; held by Ralph Lowell Coleman, Jr. (3415 Harrison Blvd #36, Ogden, Utah 84403-1269). Major Becker was the attending chaplain during PFC Coleman's hospitalization in March-May, 1945. He is now (2005) deceased.

11. PFC Ralph Coleman Is Victim article, *Urbana Daily Citizen*, Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, 25 May 1945, Front Page Headline. County Soldier Dies of War Wounds

PFC Ralph Coleman Is Victim

Mrs. Kathleen Coleman of North Lewisburg received a telegram last night from the War Department stating her husband, PFC Ralph Coleman had died of wounds in a military hospital in the Philippine Islands (sic).

Serving with the 40th Infantry Division, PFC Coleman was seriously wounded for the second time (sic) in the Pacific theater of war on March 20. He had received the Purple Heart and other awards and citations for heroic service in action.

Surviving with the widow is a three-month-old son, Ralph Coleman, Jr.; his father William Coleman of Ravenna; four sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Winkey of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Lillian Simpson of West Liberty; Avis and Betty Coleman of Urbana; also four brothers, Pvt James Coleman, serving in Alaska; PFC Kenneth Coleman with the Fifth Army in Italy; Robert Coleman of Urbana, and Edward Coleman of North Lewisburg.

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Coleman

Inducted From: Ohio

Rank: Private First Class

Combat

Organization:

185th Infantry 40th Division

Death Date: 7 May 1945

Monument: Honolulu, Hawaii, United States

Last Known

Status:

Buried

U.S. Awards: Purple Heart Medal

Bronze Star Medal

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Additional Army Awards.

15. National Cemetery Administration, compiler, *U.S. Veterans Gravesites, ca.1775-2006* (Provo, Utah: The Generations Network, Inc. (Online Database), 2006). Name: **Ralph L Coleman**
Service Info.: PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR II

Death Date: 7 May 1945

Cemetery: National Memorial Cemetery of The Pacific

Cemetery Address: 2177 Puowaina Drive Honolulu, HI 96813

Buried At: Section O Site 480.

16. Champaign County, Ohio, Marriages 1932:, Clerk of Courts, Champaign County Courthouse, Urbana, Ohio.

17. Clerk of Courts, comp., *Divorce Records*, 1938. (Champaign County Courthouse, Urbana, Ohio:.)

18. Ralph Lowell Coleman and Kathleen Irene Impson, marriage license no. Unionville Center, Union, Ohio (15 December 1943), in possession of Ralph Lowell Coleman, Jr., 3415 Harrison Blvd #36, Ogden, Utah 84403.

19. Ralph Lowell Coleman and Kathleen Irene Impson Conard, marriage license no. 11858 (1943), Marriage Record Q, 1942-1946, pg 159, Probate Court, Union County Courthouse, Marysville, Union, Ohio.

20. Marriage Records, 1940:, Clerk of Courts, Champaign County Courthouse, Urbana, Ohio.

21. Champaign County Court of Common Pleas, Urbana, Ohio, Divorce Decree, dated 4 October 1943 (Marion B. Owen, Judge).

22. Probate Court, Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio, Marriage License Application # 916, (Volume R, Page 461, September 27, 1932). from Transcript of Marriage Record, Probate Court, 17 March 1948; used for filing purposes for death benefits.

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24. Ralph L. Coleman, Jr., GEDCOM file imported on 30 Dec 2001. (3415 Harrison Blvd #36 Ogden, Utah 84403-1266).

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26. Household of William Adams, 1930 US Federal Census, Harmony, Clark, Ohio, Enumeration District 10, page no. 1B, image no. 161; 1930 US Federal Census, Database Online, Provo, Utah Roll 1756.

27. Waverly J. Pickelsimer, death certificate no. (1976), California Death Index, 1940-1997, Database Online, Provo, Utah,

28. June Coleman, death certificate no. 69098 (1932), Ohio Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Franklin, Ohio.

29. Betty L. Dickerson, no. 289-28-7102, *Social Security Death Benefits Index* of the U.S. Social Security Administration.

30. Betty L. Dickerson, death certificate no. Certificate No. 056106, Volume 29058, Champaign County, Ohio (1992), Ohio Department of Health, State Vital Statistics Unit (Ohio Death Index, 1958-2000, Ancestry.com), Columbus, Ohio.

31. Interview with Caretaker, Oak Dale Cemetery (Urbana, Champaign County, Ohio), by Ralph L. Coleman, Jr., 12 Oct 2007. Transcript held by Records of Oak Dale Cemetery (Urbana, Ohio). Telephonic conversation with the caretaker on this date verified burial section, lot number, and plot.

32. Joann Crooks, no. 299-30-8136, *Social Security Death Benefits Index* of the U.S. Social Security Administration.

33. , comp., . (: Ancestry.com and Ohio Department of Health. Ohio Deaths, 1908-1944 and 1958-2002 [database online]. Provo, UT: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2006. Original data:.) Name: Mary Joann Crooks Birth Date: 9 Sep 1935 Birth City: Urbana Birth County: Champaign Birth State: Ohio Birth Country: United States Gender: Female Race: White Hispanic Origin: Not Hispanic Residence City: Urbana Residence County: Champaign Residence State: Ohio Residence Zip Code: 43078 Residence Country: United States Death Date: 15 Aug 2001 Death Time: 2:30 AM Hospital of Death: Home City of Death: Urbana County of Death: Champaign Certificate: 060401 Age at Death: 65 Registrar's Certificate Number: 00185 Certifier: Physician Referred to Coroner: No Autopsy: No Method of Disposition: Burial Filing Date: 17 Aug 2001 Hospital Status: Other/Residence Injury in Ohio: Yes Type Place of Injury: Unspecified Place Social Security Number: 299-30-8136 Father's Surname: Coleman Mother's Maiden Name: Coleman Marital Status: Divorced Education: 10 Armed Forces Indicator: No Primary Registration District: 1101.

34. Mary Crooks obituary, , Urbana Daily Citizen, Urbana, Ohio, Wednesday, August 15, 2001, Mary Joann Crooks, 65, of Urbana, died Wednesday, August 15, 2001, in her residence. She was born on September 9, 1935, in Urbana, the daughter of Robert (sic) and Waverly Jane Coleman.

She had worked in the tool crib at Grimes for 12 years and was a member of Grace Baptist Church, in Urbana.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet Moore and Kari Crooks, both of Urbana; four sons and daughter-in-law, Ben and Amy Crooks, Chester Crooks, David Crooks, and Richie Murowski, all of Urbana; 11 grandchildren, Hollie, Donnie, Chris, Jake, Amy, Andrea, Clarissa, Zachery, Arielle, Elizabeth, and Chester; four great-grandchildren, Dallas, Garrett, Ethan and Sierra.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sons, Bobby Gene, Donald, Chris, and Marty; and one sister, Betty Dickerson.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thursday, Aug. 16 from 5 to 8 PM in the Littleton and Rue Funeral Home, Urbana. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Aug 17 at 11 AM in the funeral home, with Pastors Joe Fortna and Steve Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oak Dale Cemetery.

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Memorial gifts may be made to Mercy Hospice, 1343 Fountain Blvd., Springfield, Ohio 45373. You may express condolences to the family at www.littletonandru.com.