

Gnr George Allan Buchanan

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George was born on September 9, 1914 in Oxford, Nova Scotia, the son of Walter Allen and Jennie Margaret Buchanan. His father was a Scotsman who died in 1920. His mother was of Irish descent, remarried Oval Anderson and died in 1937. George (also often called by his other first name Allan) married Nancy Eva Buchanan of Lower Canard, also Nova Scotia, on December 18, 1939 in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. He had a half-sister: Jean Anderson who was born in 1930. George and Nancy were members of the Baptist community in Lower Canard.

George left school at the age of fifteen after completing Grade XI. He worked as a farmer and carpenter.

He enlisted in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on August 8, 1940, receiving his military training at various training centers in Nova Scotia. On June 27, 1944, George went overseas to the United Kingdom. He stayed there until 18 October 1944, after which he was sent to the front in Belgium. George was assigned to the Royal Canadian Artillery - 23 Field Regiment. He and his regiment took part in the further advance through Belgium, Holland and also North-West Germany.

On 9 April 1945 they had conquered the town of Sögel in Niedersachsen, but the following day the Germans made an unexpected counterattack. George was seriously injured in the fighting that then ensued. He was transported to the Canadian military hospital in Almelo (NL) but he succumbed to his injuries on the way or shortly after arriving in Almelo. George was 30 years old at the time. He was temporarily buried there and reburied in Holten on 4 February 1946.

On his gravestone: HE SLEEPS IN HEAVEN BUT SOME DAY WE WILL ALL MEET AGAIN. LOVE, NANCY

His medals included: 1939-45 Star; France Germany Medal; War Medal; CVSM & Clasp.

After the war, his grave was adopted by Mrs. Jo Visschers from Bathmen.

