



William was born in Debden Saskatchewan on March 20, 1925, the son of Jean Daniels (died 1931) and Belayi Nemeztekoore (died 1930), both Natives. William was a Cree Indian who lived during his first enlistment in the army at the Big River Reserve Depton in Saskatchewan. The only living member of his family in 1945 was his brother Narcisse Daniels from Duck Lake Saskatchewan. His other brother Joseph Daniels had died in 1942 and his sister Josephine Daniels had already died in 1939.

He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and spoke English and the language of the Cree Indians.

Willie joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in Saskatoon in 1941 but was fired 6 months later because an inspection revealed that he was not yet 17 years old. He had given a false date of birth upon registration. He then went to work as a farm laborer in the Wild Rose district, to re-enlist in the army in Regina Saskatchewan on 19 October 1943. William then went overseas to the UK on May 7, 1944 and then to the warfront in France on July 8.

William Daniels was killed on Sunday April 22, 1945 at the age of 20 during the battle of the Delfzijl Pocket. He was temporarily buried in Loppersum Gr. before being reburied in Holten on February 16, 1946. His grave was adopted after the war by Mrs Verbeek from Enschede.

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

He served with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles.

