

Pte Wilfred Walter Stacey

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Wilfred was born on May 18 1923. His parents were Walter and Venah Stacey and he had a sister Elsie 3 years older, a brother Ross 4 years younger and one nephew Raymond about 3 or 4 years old.

His home town was Brentwood in the township of Sunnidale (now called Clearview) Ontario. He went here to school in a one room school.

Just before he enlisted for the war he was working on a farm for a family named Norm Macwell. He enlisted in November 3 1943 and he was called on November 10 1943 from Barrie armories. He took his training for the army at Orillia, Camp Borden, Ontario & then to Debert, Nova Scotia". Wilfred went overseas to England in June 1944. He was a very kind, gentle

hearted man. He was willing to help people all the time. He never got upset over anything.

Wilfred would go to church with his sister, brother and father. He was a part of the young people group of the church. He enjoyed skating with his friends in the winter. They would skate on the ponds around the farms. He also loved fishing. There was a creek just down from the family farm he would go to. Wilfred would go to all the square dances. Family and friends would have a dance in their homes. It would be in a different home every weekend. Jack Lockhart would call the square dance all the time, then one time he coached Wilfred on how to call it out and he enjoyed it. Then he called it most of the time on. He never really had a girlfriend but Wilfred did have a girl who was friends from school, Jean Lockhart. They did write to each other for a short time after he left home for the war. Wilfred had a car before going to the war and he left it for his brother Ross to look after which he did for years.

Wilfred was a private of the Algonquin Regiment and killed in action on April 18 1945 near Friesoythe Germany.

