

## Russell Gunlaugsson

Born: Sep 17, 1915

Died: 2001

Period of Service: WW II  
Merchant Marine

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Went to school for merchant marine service in New London, CT. While on Navy duty he was on an ammunition ship, which sailed in a part of the flotilla's formation called the 'Coffin's Corner.' They delivered to battleships near the Philippines. Later he found out Rich Hansen was also part of the convoy.

He served as an oiler in the Pacific theater during WW II aboard the munitions ship *George W. Meade*. Such ships were at the back of the convoy on the right, and lights were kept off at night because of kamikaze pilots. One kamikaze pilot tried to crash into the ship but missed.

His parents were Stina (Christrina Anderson) and Mac (Magnus) Gunlaugsson. (JG)

He married Joyce (Joy) Hagen on October 19, 1946. They have three boys Mack, and Jim both of whom were in the Coast Guard, and Kirby who was in the Army. He worked for Al Shellswick for a while starting in September, 1946 after service.

They sold their home to Elmer Mossack in June 1955, and moved to the home where Joy still resides. He bought a new engine for his sawmill on the property in December, 1957.

