

## PFC Charles (Chuck) Theodore Jorgenson

Born 2/17/1928  
Island  
Died: 8/30/2013

Period of Service: WW II  
Sources: Gail Toerpe  
interview in *Observer*  
10/26/2000, memorial  
service leaflet

Entered service 5/25/1946.

In 1946, he was the last one drafted from the Island for WW II service. His older brother George was the first one drafted for WW II. He trained at Ft Bliss. He was shipped from NY to Okinawa as a 'cleaner upper'. Not a tree was left standing when he got there. He was head of the motor pool in charge of repairing equipment. He was there a year and slept in Quonset huts. Bob Hope came once and entertained.

He had served on the lake steamers at the age of 16 before being drafted, but came back to Island and worked on the Town crew for 36 years after service, eventually becoming foreman of the town crew, constructing and maintaining roads, and finally retiring in 1988. Before that he did some commercial fishing and then back on to the steam boats.

Married Everall after coming out of service, and built a home on Mountain Road, one of four that he built over the years on Mountain Road, where he lived all his life. He and Everall had five children, Loretta (Charles) Goodlet; Carla (Vincent) Schinker; Theodore (Tammy); Wendy (Steven) Wold; and Rex. They also had 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Among his interests was making maple syrup every year until recently.

His parents were Jorgen (George) Jorgenson, from Norway, and Olga Emilie Pederson (married on 8/3/1905). Chuck was one of nine children.