

## Cpl Walter Boyd Jorgenson

Born: Oct 6, 1927  
On the Island

Died: June 16, 2011

Service # 46071550  
SS # 398-24 6761

Period of Service: WW II  
Sources: Monument, B10  
F2, cemetery, Jake Ellefson  
memorial tribute, Am Legion  
scrapbk – box 17

Joined Army Feb 8, 1946 at ft Sheridan, IL.  
Discharged 2/26/1947 Chanute Field, IL

Trained at San Antonio, TX ACC field in weather observation.

Served in Southeast Pacific, mainly on Island of Guam where he spent 15 months. Released early on May 16, 1947 at Chanute Field, IL. when his father died. His medals include Marksman and Good Conduct

Born to Wally and Carrie Jorgenson, he went to school on the Island. Married Mary Jacobsen and had four children.

He began working when he was 14 and developed prodigious strength. As a commercial fisherman he would load 40 boxes of fish onto a flatbed truck, each box weighing 150 pounds. He worked and managed the potato farm for many years, and would load 1100 bags of potatoes onto the potato boat. Then he would log trees after work for making fish boxes. The logs were green, three feet long and 12-24 inches thick. He also worked for the Casperson Funeral Home in Door County and would pick up the deceased and bring them to the dock in a hearse kept on the Island.

Walt was a long time member of the American Legion Post 402 on the Island, and an active member of the Lions Club. He was catcher and manager of the Island baseball team for about 25 years, and a home run hitter. He was included in the first group inducted into the Door County Baseball Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the Fire Department for 30 years, was town constable for a number of years, and president of the Town Mutual Insurance.

He married Mary Jeannette Jacobsen on 10/23/1948.

See picture on reverse side.

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