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Proudly Honors



GEORGE E. BURKS

UNITED STATES ARMY
TECHNICIAN THIRD GRADE (MEDIC)
SPRING 1942 – MARCH 1945

KILLED IN ACTION MARCH 1945

as

PURPLE HEART PATRIOT

JULY 2025

Darla J. Noble, Honoring Her Uncle's Service and Sacrifice

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George E. Burks was born in Dent County, Missouri, and raised in Pulaski County, Missouri. He, like so many others, enlisted in the military shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

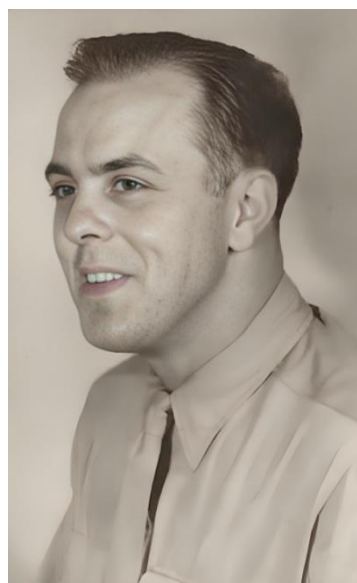
George left for boot camp at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, in the early spring of 1942. After a few weeks there, he went to Camp Ord in northern California, and from there to New Zealand, where he and his fellow soldiers honed their skills in the climate and terrain they would be fighting in.

George was assigned to the medics, and from October to November of 1942 until he died in the Battle of Luzon in March of 1945, he performed his duties with the utmost care, skill, and sacrifice. His devotion to duty earned him two commendations for the Distinguished Service Cross, one of which he refused and the other posthumously; the Silver Star for actions taken just weeks before he was killed; and two Purple Hearts. one awarded posthumously.

George was a young man who loved the Lord, his family, his friends, and a good home-cooked meal. He was friendly and had a smile that was as genuine as he was. In reading the letters he sent home it is obvious that he took great care to assure his family that he was as safe as possible and that the Army did their best to care for the soldiers serving our country and the world.

Even though George died long before I was born, I am proud to be able to call George Burks my uncle and to know that he selflessly gave all he had so that we can enjoy the freedoms and privileges we have today.

I just hope and pray that we, or future generations, do not allow his death, and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of others like him, to end up being for nothing. We owe them respect and appreciation for what we have.



Dear Mr. Burks:

Your letter of recent date concerning the award of decorations to your son, Technician Third Grade George E. Burks, Medical Department, has been received.

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Silver Star has been posthumously awarded to your son. The citation is as follows:

SILVER STAR

"For gallantry in action against the enemy on 16 January 1945 just North of ***. During an attack of *** on this day the company received many casualties. Despite the heavy fire of the attack Sergeant Burks remained constantly on the front line administering first aid to a majority of the casualties in this company. With utter disregard for his own safety and with a strict devotion to duty he carried two wounded men to the rear, stopping to fire his carbine as a covering fire for his movement."

The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebraska, who will select an officer to make the