

JARNAGIN, PHILIP R. "RALPH"

Birth

August 10, 1912 in Colfax, Iowa

The stone in the cemetery gives the birth as 1915.
The military record gives his birth as April 10, 1914.
His delayed birth certificate gives the date of
April 10, 1912



Death

April 16, 1990 at IowaMethodistHospital
Medical Center, Des Moines, Iowa
April 16, 1990 per the Jarnagin Family
History book.



Cause of Death

Heart ailment; intra-abdominal hemorrhage
following heart surgery.

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 162

Father

Simon Wesley Jarnagin, born in Davis Co., Iowa

Mother

Ollie Williams, born in Marion Co., Kansas

Marriage

Philip "Ralph" Jarnagin to Agnes May Schmidt in Bethany, Harrison Co., Missouri on
May 27, 1934. They were divorced December 24, 1955.

Census

1915 – Poweshiek Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa; Post Office, Colfax, Iowa

Card #A606

Jarnagin, Simon W. 30 Farmer IA IA PA

Total earnings in 1914, \$1000

Card #A608					
	Jarnigan, George H.	04		IA	IA KS
Card #A607					
	Jarnigan, Ollie	26	housewife	KS	OH OH
Card #609					
	Jarnigan, Philip R.	02		IA	IA KS

1920 –

1925 – Des Moines Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa; House # 15; Line 24

Jarnagin, Simon W.	41			IN	IA	PA
			Father: H. L. Jarnagin, born in IA, age 65			
			Mother: Susan Mains, born in PA, age 65			
Ollie	36			KS	IL	OH
			Father: J. H. Williams, born in IL, age 73			
			Mother: Libby Buchman, born in OH, age 68			
			J. H. and Libby were married in Kansas			
George H.	15			IA		
			Father: Simon W. Jarnagin, born in IA, age 41			
			Mother: Ollie Williams, born in KS, age 36			
			Simon and Ollie were married in Oklahoma			
Ralph P.	12			“	“	IA
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1930 – Des Moines Twp., Jasper Co., Iowa; ED4; Page 10A; May 9, 1930

Dwelling 211; Family 233

Jarnagin, Simon W.	47	Farmer		IA	IA	PA
Ollie	42			KS	US	KS
George H.	20	Farm Employee		IA	IA	KS
Ralph P.	17	Farm Employee		IA	IA	KS

1940 – Monroe, Clay Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; ED77-13; Page 3B; April 19, 1940

Family 67

Jarnagin, Ralph	26	Farmer		IA		
			In 1935 was living at Monroe, Jasper Co., Iowa			
			Completed 8 th grade			
Agnes	21			IA		
			Completed 1 st year high school			
Earl Wesley	04			IA		
Author Wayne	02			IA		
Dorothy Lore	01			IA		

WWII Draft Card Registration

Registration date: October 16, 1940

Registration place: Iowa

Philip Ralph Jarnagan

Age: 28

Date of birth: August 10, 1912

Place of birth: Colfax, Iowa

Residence: Altoona, Polk Co., Iowa

Employer: Carl Eshelman

Weight: 135

Complexion: Light

Eye color: Hazel

Hair color: Brown

Height: 5' 9"

Next of Kin: Agnes Jarnagin

Funeral Home

Hamilton's Southtown Funeral Home

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Wednesday, April 18, 1990, Page 5M]

Philip R. "Ralph" Jarnagin of 3645 Columbia St. died of a heart ailment Monday at IowaMethodistMedicalCenter. He was 75. Services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at Southtown Funeral Home. Burial will be in PleasantRidgeCemetery at Orilla.

Mr. Jarnagin was born in Colfax and moved to Des Moines from Altoona about 40 years ago. An Army veteran of World War II, he retired as a heavy machine operator for the Des Moines Water Works.

Survivors include three sons, Earl of Des Moines, Wayne of South Africa and Howard of Hopbottom, PA; three daughters, Dorothy Siri of El Solbrante, California, Darlene Gandy of Mesquite, Texas, and Jeri Corbitt of Birmingham, Alabama; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 5 p. m. today at the funeral home.

Military

Born August 10, 1914 at Colfax, Iowa; died April 16, 1990 in Polk Co., Iowa; residence was 3645 Columbia St, Des Moines, Iowa 50313; Social Security #483-16-2745; he was in WWII; Entered the Army on January 21, 1944 at Camp Dodge, Iowa; Serial #37-683-740; PFC; was in battle at Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe; Decorations and citations were Purple Heart QO #45 HQ 2 QH-44 European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon Good Conduct Medal; discharged November 9, 1945 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin; father was Simon Wesley Jarnagin; mother was Ollie Williams; children were Earl of Des Moines, Iowa, Wayne of South Africa, Howard of Hopbottom, PA, Dorothy Siri of El Solbrante, CA,

Darlene Gandy of Mesquite, Texas and Jeri Lynn Corbitt of Birmingham, Alabama; buried in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Orilla, Iowa.

From "A History of the Jarnagin Family in Iowa"

Philip "Ralph" Jarnagin was born in Colfax, Jasper County, Iowa August 10, 1912. He died April 16, 1990, in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, at 77 years of age of intra-abdominal hemorrhage following heart surgery. He was interred April 19, 1990, in the PleasantRidgeCemetery in Orilla, Warren County, Iowa.

Ralph married Agnes May Schmidt May 27, 1934, in Bethany, Harrison County, Missouri. Ralph and Agnes were divorced December 24, 1955.

Ralph was inducted into the United States Army on December 31, 1943, and entered active service January 21, 1944, at CampDodge, Polk County, Iowa. He was in battles and campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, and Central Europe. He received the Purple Heart, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and four campaign stars. He was wounded in action twice. Ralph was a PFC the majority of his tour of duty, serving as a heavy tractor driver. He operated bulldozers in the construction of highways, and he smoothed, filled, and cut ditches in the construction of the base depot. His civilian occupation was listed as light truck driver for the Walnut Creek Coal Company, Des Moines, Iowa, January 1942-June 1943, and thirteen years at farm work. Ralph was separated from the Army on November 9, 1945, at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He retired from the Des Moines Water Works after about twenty-seven years of employment there.

Ralph and Agnes had six children.