

**LANDER, RUSSELL MELVIN**

Birth

December 31, 1922  
Ames, Story Co., Iowa

Death

June 17, 2012  
Winterset, Madison Co., Iowa

Cause of Death

Congestive heart failure

Cemetery Lot

Row 7, Space 9 in the New Addition

Father

Harold Lander

Mother

Alice Roach

Marriage

Russell Lander to Alice Marie Neighbors

Census

1925 – Delaware Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; State census  
Line 118

Landers, Herald E.	32	IA	IN	Scot
		Father, Jacob Lander, born in Indiana		
		Mother, Hanah Allison, born in Scotland		
Alice	23	IA	IA	IA
		Father, John A. Roach, born in Iowa, age 62		
		Mother, Eldora Tilton, born in Iowa, age 56		
<b>Russell M.</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>IA</b>
		<b>Father, Herald Landers, born in Iowa, age 32</b>		
		<b>Mother, Alice Roach, born in Iowa, age 32</b>		

1930 – Delaware Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; ED102; Page 12A; April 18, 1930

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Lander, Alice A.	29	divorced - laundress	IA	IA	IA
<b>Russell M.</b>	<b>07</b>		<b>IA</b>	<b>IA</b>	<b>IA</b>
Harold W.	03		IA	IA	IA

1940 – Jefferson Twp., Madison Co., Iowa; ED61-10; Page 3A; April 1940

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McAllester, F. C.	51	farmer	IA		
Alice A.	39		IA		
Frances J.	04		IA		
Ruth Alice	02		IA		
<b>Lander, Russell M.</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>wife's son</b>	<b>IA</b>		
Lander, Harold William	13	wife's son	IA		

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WWII Draft Card Registration

Registration date: June 30, 1942

Russell Melvin Lander

Age: 18

Date of birth: December 31, 1922

Place of birth: Ames, Iowa

Residence: Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa

Employer: Davidsons Furniture Store

Weight: 175

Complexion: Light

Color of eyes: Blue

Color of hair: Brown

Height: 6'

Next of kin: Frank McAllister

Military

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Enlisted DHS, Des Moines, Iowa on November 17th, 1942. When he enlisted he was 5' 11" tall with blue eyes, light brown hair with a ruddy complexion. He was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps reserve on May 6, 1946 as a Corporal at Oceanside, California. He was a qualified sharpshooter. Special military qualifications: Armored, Aircraft. His rate of pay at that time was \$69.30 per month.

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Thursday, June 21, 2012, Page 4B]

Russell M. Lander, 89, of Van Meter, died Sunday, June 17, at Care Center North in Winterset. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at McCalley-Collins Funeral Home in Winterset. Burial with military honors will be in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Warren County, Iowa.

Russell was born to Harold and Alice (Roach) Lander. He was a 1940 graduate of Van Meter High School and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of WWII. He spent most of his life farming in the Van Meter and Des Moines area.

Russell is survived by his brother, Frank (Luana) McAllister of Van Meter; sisters, Ruth Young of Ventura, CA, Mary (Gary) Swanson of Dawson, and Bev (Dean) Downing of Milford; and step-children, Lola (Don) Kaufmann of Charlotte, NC, Al (Carolyn) Keese of AR, and Jim (Betty) Keese of Van Meter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Alice Lander; and brother, Harold "Bill" Lander.

Visitation will be Friday from noon to 8 p.m. at McCalley-Collins Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the Care Center North Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be left at [www.mccalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mccalleyfuneralhome.com).

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From the Memorial Card:

In Loving Memory of:

Russell M. Lander

Born: December 31, 1922, Ames, Iowa

Died: June 17, 2012, Winterset, Iowa

Funeral Service

McCalley-Collins Funeral Home

Winterset, Iowa

10:30 AM, Saturday, June 23, 2012

Officiating

Father James Kiernan

Music

"Tennessee Waltz" & "Could I Have This Dance"

Casket Bearers

Frank McAllister, Rick Lander, Dan Swanson, Gary Swanson

Military Graveside Service

Honor Guard

American Legion Post #184 & V.F.W. Post #8142

Winterset, Iowa

Interment

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery  
Warren County, Iowa

Verse

High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds-and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Russell's Family

Parents – Harold and Alice (Roach) Lander

Wife – Alice Lander

Brothers – Frank McAllister & wife Luana and Harold "Bill" Lander & wife Bonnie

Sisters – Ruth Young & husband Robert, Mary Swanson & husband Gary, and Bev  
Downing & husband Dean

Step-Children – Lola Kaufmann & husband Don, Al Keese & wife Carolyn, and Jim  
Keese & wife Betty

McCalley – Collins Funeral Home, Winterset, Iowa