



Army Air Corps

**Henry Joseph Buss**  
**Private U.S. Army Air Corps**  
**28 June 1945 – 17 December 1945**

Henry was born in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his graduation from Hellertown High School and his marriage in 1935. Henry helped in his parents' business as an ice-cream truck driver, delivering ice cream in and around the Hellertown, Bethlehem, and Allentown areas. After he married, he and his family lived in East Texas, Pennsylvania, from 1935 to 1938. They lived in the East Texas Hotel along with several of his in-laws, including Vincent Walter Ibach who operated the hotel. While living in East Texas, Henry worked as a stonecutter for Allen Memorials in Allentown, and for Minter Memorials in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, while living in Pottstown from 1938 to 1945. Henry was drafted into the Army on 28 Jun 1945, and his family then moved back to the East Texas Hotel. He was sworn in at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania as a Private in the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the 1060<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force Base Unit (Overseas Replacement Depot) in Greensboro, North Carolina. He was given a hardship honorable discharge on 17 December 1945, whereupon he returned to East Texas to live in the hotel with his family again until 1947, at which time they moved to RFD#1, Emmaus, Pennsylvania. After his discharge Henry worked as an appliance salesman and repairman for Harwick Appliances in Emmaus, and later opened his own appliance store in an extension built onto the front of their house in Emmaus. From 1951 to 1960, he worked as an electronic technician for Western Electric Company in Allentown, and from January 1960 to November 1965 he worked for Burroughs Corporation as a Technical Services Representative at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York. In November 1965 he became a Civil Service employee for the Air Force as an engineer, initially working on the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) SAGE radar system and then, successively, on SAC's Command & Control System at Griffiss AFB; Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri; and Scott AFB, Illinois. In March 1975 he was assigned to the Pentagon where he planned, programmed, and budgeted for personnel, equipment, and maintenance for the Electronics-installation Squadrons and the Air National Guard Air Force Reserve units throughout the United States until his retirement on 30 May 1980. Upon retirement, Henry settled in Allentown. Henry had an ear for music and could play several instruments by ear, with the piano being his favorite. He also enjoyed flying and got his private flying license in later life. Henry died of respiratory and pulmonary failure at the Lehigh Valley Hospital on Cedar Crest Boulevard. He is buried in a vault at Allentown Fairview Cemetery. Henry initially was married to **Betty Jane Ibach** (born 12 March 1919) and later to **Elizabeth Mary (Vargo) Kriebel** (30 August 1919 – 13 October 2002). His parents were **Albert Clayton Buss** (26 January 1891 – 27 December 1968) and **Bertha May Leidich** (May 1896 – 27 January 1967).