



Frederick Charles Yenser
Private First Class U.S. Army
17 February 1943 – 11 March 1946

Frederick was born on 19 November 1923 in Lower Macungie Township on the Reinhard farm at the corner of Minesite Road and Cedar Crest Boulevard, the site of the original Rodale Organic Farm. The family then moved to South Whitehall, Pennsylvania, for a while before returning to Lower Macungie where they lived at several locations including Wescosville, East Texas, and Minesite. Frederick attended 1st and 2nd grades in East Texas, 3rd grade at Riegel's school, 4th, 5th and 6th at Hartzell's, and 7th and 8th in East Texas. Before entering the Army, he worked in Allentown for Heimbach Bakery as a truck driver. While living in East Texas, he was drafted into the Army at New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, as a Private on 17 February 1943, and was initially assigned to Camp Stewart, Georgia, for basic training. He was then assigned to Battery B, 357th Antiaircraft Artillery Search Light Battalion, and underwent anti-aircraft artillery training at Camp Davis in North Carolina and at Orlando, Florida, before he was sent overseas to the European Theater in October 1944 to join his unit. The Battalion had previously been sent to England to prepare for the 6 June 1944 D-Day landings at Normandy. After the Allied Forces landed, Frederick participated in several campaigns in the Rhineland and Central Europe. After the war ended, Frederick continued to serve in Europe as part of the Occupation Forces until he was sent home to be discharged as a Private First Class on 11 March 1946 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Frederick returned to live and work in Allentown for Heimbach Bakery once again for 18 years until it



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closed in 1964, and then successively for Capital Baking Company as a manager, and for Valley Distribution Company, which distributed Tom Sturgis pretzels, potato chips, and other snack foods until 1980. He then went to work in maintenance at Cedarbrook, the Lehigh County Home in South Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania, until 1985 when he retired. Frederick married **Pauline L. Siegfried** (born 23 November 1926) in 1944. He and Pauline moved to Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, in 1947. They had five children, three boys and two girls. Frederick died on 8 January 1999. His parents were **Robert S. Yenser** (24 February 1894 – 13 August 1947), who served in the Army during World War I, and **Martha B. Schick** (27 July 1895 – 1 July 1965). Frederick's brother, **Robert Lee Yenser** (born 7 March 1926), served in the Navy during World War II.