WW II
Victory Medal

Floyd Cutting Hair
March 2000

Floyd Carl Schmoyer
Technician 5th Grade U.S. Army
9 October 1945 – 10 December 1946

Floyd was born on 11 August 1927 in South Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania. He was the last of nine children born of **Charles Milton Schmoyer** (9 June 1893 – 5 June 1967) and **Sarah Louise Fink** (11 September 1892 – 27 June 1994). He and his family lived in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where his father owned and operated a barber shop on Schantz (now North Brookside) Road that opened in 1932 in the building that once served as the Wescosville Fire House until 1931. Floyd attended grades 1 to 6 at Francis D. Raub School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, grades 7 and 8 in Wescosville, and returned to Raub School to complete the 9th grade. He then attended Allentown High School, from which he graduated in 1945. From the age of 14 and during his high school years, Floyd worked as a barber in the family barber shop where he earned $2.00 a week. After he graduated from high school, he was drafted into the Army as a Private, reporting for duty on 9 October 1945 at Fort Meade, Maryland. He underwent training as a clerk-typist at Fort Meade, and

Fort Meade Barracks

served there as a clerk-typist until 30 May 1946, when he was ordered to Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was assigned to Headquarters Company at Fort Knox where he was a Payroll Service Record Clerk. Besides being the country's depository for gold bullion, Fort Knox served as a major training and troop replacement center during World War II. In his spare time he would cut the hair of soldiers for some extra money. Floyd was discharged at Fort Knox as a Technician 5th Grade on 10 December 1946. He returned to live in Wescosville where he resumed

working in the family barber shop. Schmoyer's Barber Shop was well known and served many of the residents of Lower Macungie Township in the area. Floyd's father turned the shop over to him in 1958, and Floyd continued to work as a barber until his retirement on 1 April 2000, when he turned the shop over to his long-time assistant Mark Hutterer. Floyd married **Doris Jane DeLong** (born 5 May 1930), in 1950, whom he had known since his grade school days. He and Doris Jane lived in Wescosville until 1968, when they relocated to settle in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. They became active in St. Johns

Schmoyer's Barber Shop

United Church of Christ in Emmaus where both were members in the choir and Floyd was President of the Bible School. Two of Floyd's brothers, **Merritt** and **Vernon,** also served in the Army during World War II.

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