



Medical Service  
Corps

**Harold W. Stahler**  
**Sergeant U.S. Army**  
**11 December 1944 – 26 July 1946**

Harold was born on 16 February 1922 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended grades 1–8 at Muhlenberg School. He graduated from Allentown High School in 1939. Prior to entering the Service, he worked at Trojan Powder Company in South Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania, where he initially conducted, and later supervised inspections of 20mm Oerlikon cannon projectiles during and after the manufacturing process to make sure they met specifications. Oerlikon cannon projectiles were designed for use against large targets such as vehicles, buildings, or aircraft. Harold married **Catherine Elizabeth Beiereschmitt** (born 23 July 1921) on 26 November 1941 in Allentown, where they initially lived at 633 North 10th Street. He was drafted into the Army as a Private on 11 December 1944 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Harold was assigned to Fort McClellan, Alabama, where he was trained as a Medic and served out his term of service with the 7th Army Medical Detachment. While at Fort McClellan, Harold worked in the dispensary conducting sick call for the soldiers of three battalions assigned to the Post. He supervised four other Medics in administering medicines, changing dressings and bandages, and giving inoculations. He also conducted training classes for newly assigned medics and assisted Medical Officers in conducting sanitation inspections. Harold was discharged as a Sergeant on 26 July 1946 at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland and was awarded the America Theater Medal and World War II Victory Medal for his service. He returned to live in Allentown and went to work for Bethlehem Steel Company for about 32 years, initially in Bethlehem until about 1957, then in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, from about 1957 to 1971, and finally in Burns Harbor, Indiana, where he retired as Assistant Superintendent of Real Estate and General Services in 1982. He and Catherine moved to Johnstown in 1957 and to Michigan City, Indiana, in 1971, and then to Lower Macungie Township when he retired. Harold and Catherine raised three children: **Margaret “Peg”**, **Jane**, and **William**. Harold died on 3 November 2005 in Allentown at the Lehigh Valley Hospice. He is buried at Grandview Cemetery, Allentown. Harold’s parents were **Clarence David Hiram Stahler** (15 March 1900 – 1951) and **Amelia E. Leiser** (14 April 1905 – 10 October 1991).