



Joseph Anthony Deysher
Private First Class U.S. Army
3 August 1944 – 29 November 1945

Joseph was born on 10 February 1918 in South Whitehall, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He was the eighth of eleven children born to **Edward Matthias Deysher** (18 August 1884 – 1943) and **Theresa A. Mayer** (1886 – 1958). Shortly after 1920, Joseph's family moved from South Whitehall to the village of Minesite in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, where Joseph spent his childhood and attended grade school. Joseph left grade school circa 1932 and went to work for Trexler Farms in Allentown, Pennsylvania, until 1939. He then went to work as a Truck Driver for Modern Transfer Company in Allentown, Pennsylvania. That same year he met his future wife, **Anna May Kalb** (7 June 1916 – 16 May 1997) of Allentown, at the wedding of mutual friends and natives of Lower Macungie Township, Alfred D. Hartzell and Arlene C. Leibensperger. Joseph and Anna were married on 26 June 1943 at St. Stephen's Parsonage on Franklin and Turner Streets in Allentown. They made their permanent home in Cetronia, Pennsylvania, where they were members of Cedar Lutheran Church. Joseph entered the Army as a Private at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on 3 August 1944. He was stationed at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, in March 1945 where he was undergoing training as a Military Policeman. He was medically discharged as a Private First Class at the Camp Edwards Hospital Center on 29 November 1945 for a bad case of flat feet. He was awarded the American Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal. After he was discharged, Joseph returned to his home in Cetronia, and resumed working for Modern Transfer Company until his retirement in 1976. He died on 17 August 1983 in Allentown Hospital, and is buried in a Kalb Family plot alongside his wife Anna at Grandview Cemetery in Allentown. Two of Joseph's brothers, **Clinton G. Deysher** and **Frank A. Deysher**, also served in the Army during World War II.