



**Charles Freeman Bush**  
**Sergeant U.S. Army**  
**19 March 1943 - 23 February 1946**

Charles was born at home born on 15 September 1924 in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, while the family was living on the Stephen Farm on Krocks Road in Lower Macungie Township. The family moved to the Bastian Farm on Grange Road around 1927. The farm straddled the Upper Macungie Township-Lower Macungie Township border, but because the farmhouse was located in Upper Macungie, Charles attended elementary school in Fogelsville, Pennsylvania. He then attended Allentown High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for one year. Before entering the Service, Charles worked and lived for a time at the State Hospital in Rittersville, Pennsylvania, where he had a room. He was drafted into the Army in Allentown as a Private on 19 March 1943. After training, he left for Hawaii on 14 November 1944 where he was assigned to Battery B, 840<sup>th</sup> Anti-aircraft (AAA) Battalion. He is believed to have served the remainder of World War II stationed there at Schofield Barracks and Barbers Point on Oahu, where he was in charge of an AAA gun crew. He returned to the States on 15 February 1946, and was discharged as a Sergeant on 23 February at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Charles returned home, and shortly thereafter married **Marion Alice Kratzer** (20 April 1925 – 13 April 1984) on 16 March 1946 in Schoenersville, Pennsylvania. They made their home in Allentown. Charles returned to work at the Rittersville State Hospital for a while before going to work in the Electro-plating Department of L.F. Grammes & Son on Union Street in Allentown. Charles and Marion later moved to Macungie, Pennsylvania, where Charles worked servicing lawn mowers at Beck Brothers on Route 29 between Emmaus and Shimerville. He was later employed as a Truck Driver for Air Products and Chemicals, from which he retired in 1986. Charles and Marion had two children: **Barry** and **Carol Ann**. Charles married **Frieda Hermine (Strobel) Fedok** (27 October 1924) at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on Fullertown Ave., Whitehall, Pennsylvania, on 20 September 1987, who had three children by her previous marriage: **Frederick George**, **James Anthony** and **Rosemary Ellen**. Charles and Frieda made their home at 712 E Main Street in Macungie. Charles died on 1 April 2008 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Salisbury Township, Pennsylvania, and is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Macungie alongside his first wife Marion and his daughter Carol, who died in 2006. Charles was a member of St. Peter's Union Church on St. Peter's Church Road outside Macungie, and a member of The Golden Agers of St. Elizabeth Church in Whitehall. He also served as past Vice President of the Trexlertown Senior Citizens. Charles loved bowling, traveling, cooking, and woodworking. Charles was one of eight children born to **Robert Daniel Bush** (12 January 1889 – 7 May 1949) and **Clara Agnes Gower** (1 December 1890 – 11 September 1951). Charles' two brothers, **Howard Daniel Bush** and **Roy Samuel Bush**, also served in the Army during World War II.