



Richard Harry Butz
Corporal U.S. Army
12 December 1952 – 11 December 1954

Richard was born on 21 May 1932 in Lower Macungie Township in the village of East Macungie, Pennsylvania. At the age of one, he moved to East Texas Village in the Township, where he attended grades 1-8 at the two-room schoolhouse at the west end of the village. He then attended Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, graduating in 1950. After graduating, he went to work for the Macungie Silk Mill in Macungie, Pennsylvania. When the company moved out of state, Richard went to work for Homer Beam Fabricator in Old Zionsville, Pennsylvania, fabricating and installing home heating systems. On 21 June 1952, Richard married **Mary Elnora Ross** (born 19 November 1933) at Neffs, Pennsylvania. He and Mary moved to New Smithville, Pennsylvania, and six months later, on 12 December 1952, he was drafted into the Army. Richard left from Allentown, Pennsylvania, for induction at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a Private. From there he was transported by train to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he underwent Airborne basic training with the 11th Airborne Division. After that, he was assigned as a Radar Operator to Battery A, 89th Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) in Catonsville, Maryland. The Battery was put in place as part of a defensive perimeter for Washington, D.C. Richard remained at Catonsville for the rest of his two-year term of service, mustering out at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on 11 December 1954 as a Corporal. Upon return to civilian life, Richard moved to Orefield, Pennsylvania, where Mary and their first two children were living with her parents. He then went to work for Trojan Powder Company in South Whitehall, Pennsylvania, as a Chemical Operator. In 1956, the family moved to Fullerton, Pennsylvania. In February 1957, Richard, Mary and three sons moved to Fort Pierce, Florida, where he was employed by and became a Supervisor for Dandee Bakery until 1961. In May 1961, Richard and Mary moved back to settle in East Texas with their five sons, **Richard Giles Butz**; **John Michael Butz**; **David Russell Butz**; **Steve Ross Butz**; and **Michael Arthur Butz**. Richard then returned to work for Trojan Powder Company, first as a Chemical Operator and later as a Supervisor in the Maintenance Department, retiring in May 1994. After retiring, Richard pursued his hobbies of fishing, traveling, gardening, lawn work, and working crossword puzzles. Richard's parents were **Russell William Butz** (14 February 1914 – 7 January 1990) and **Ellen Pauline Eisenhard** (19 March 1915 – 7 April 1985). Two of Richard's brothers also served in the Army, both in Korea: **Donald Charles Butz** and **James Carl Butz**.