



Naval Training Station, Sampson
1945

Clarence Hower George
Yeoman 3/C U.S. Navy
6 February 1945 – 23 August 1946

Clarence was born on 22 November 1926 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He attended grades 1–4 at a two-room schoolhouse (Kratzer School) in South Whitehall, Pennsylvania, from 1932 to 1936, and grades 5 through 12 in the old South Whitehall Township School at Troxel's Crossing, graduating in 1944. After graduating, Clarence worked for Western Electric Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for three months prior to entering the Navy. He was drafted in Allentown and was inducted into the Navy on 6 February 1945 at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as a Seaman Recruit, and was sent to Naval Training Station in Sampson, New York, for 10 weeks Recruit Training. He was then ordered to Yeoman School at Naval Training Center, San Diego, California, for 16 weeks. After completing Yeoman School, he was ordered to Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, to attend Demobilization School for two weeks. With World War II drawing to an end, the Navy had established Demobilization School to ease the processing of the multitude of Marines and Sailors who were to be released from active duty. After Demobilization School, Clarence was sent back to Sampson where he was first assigned to the Naval Personnel Support Center and then to the Sampson Naval Hospital as a Yeoman performing clerical duties. After he left Sampson, Clarence was assigned to Naval Personnel Support Center at Lido Beach, Long Island, New York, where he continued to perform clerical duties until his discharge. Clarence was released from active duty as a Yeoman 3/C at Lido Beach on 23 August 1946. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the American Campaign Medal for his service. He returned to Allentown, and resumed working for Western Electric for about five years, installing telephone equipment at various locations. He left Western Electric in 1951 to become a self-employed Builder, performing construction work around the Lehigh Valley for 50 years. He retired in 2001. Clarence married **Virginia Elaine Snyder** (born 17 September 1933) on 27 March 1954 in Allentown, where they lived for seven years. In 1961, they moved to Wescosville, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township, where they settled. Clarence and Virginia raised four children: **Donna Marie**, **Sarah Ann**, **Barry Clarence**, and **Laura Jane**. Laura Jane became a career officer in the Air Force and flew support missions during both Persian Gulf Wars from 1990 to 1991 and 2001 to 2003, and during the Balkan War from 1993 to 1997. Clarence's parents were **Clarence Jonas George** (5 June 1890 – July 1974), who was born in East Texas Village in Lower Macungie Township, and **Mabel Louise Hower** (4 October 1888 – October 1984).