



Robert Seavey Greene Sr.
SSGT U.S. Army Air Corps
17 April 1942 – 20 November 1945

Robert was born on 4 April 1919 in Utica, New York to **Herbert Southhall Greene Sr.** (4 July 1893–19 April 1957) and **Freda Florine (Cruikshank) Greene** (22 November 1891–11 January 1958). After graduating from Clinton Central High School in Clinton County, New York, on 27 June 1939, Robert worked as an automatic loom weaver and as an automobile mechanic. On 19 June 1941, he married **Carolyn Frances Howard** (1 June 1919–21 August 2003) from



Herbert & Freda



Robert & Carolyn,
50th Anniversary

Deansboro, New York. On 17 April 1942, while living at 3 Sim Street in

Utica, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a Private in Syracuse, New York. He underwent training as an Airplane Hydraulic Specialist and was assigned to the 24th Air Depot Repair Squadron, 24th Air Depot Group, at Brookley Field, Alabama. In June 1942, the group began deploying to Waller Field in Trinidad in the British West Indies. Robert and his squadron left Brookley Field on 8 December 1942, arriving in Trinidad on 13 December 1942. While in Trinidad, the squadron provided maintenance to combat, transport, and long-range photo-reconnaissance aircraft flying missions in the European

Theater. In early November 1943, the squadron began leaving Trinidad for Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas, to prepare for eventual deployment to the island of Guam in the Mariana Islands in the Pacific. Guam, with an air base located there that was built by the Japanese, had been captured on 10 August 1944. Robert's squadron arrived at Kelly Field on 8 January 1944 and left there for Guam on 10 October 1944, arriving on 8 November 1944. After Guam had been captured, five more air bases were constructed on the island. After Robert's squadron arrived there, they operated from one of the newly



B-29 Superfortress

constructed air bases (North Field) where they provided support for B-29 Superfortress bombers flying missions from North Field and from another newly constructed air base (Northwest Field). The B-29s bombed targets in the Western Pacific and on the mainland of Japan. With the ending of the war in August 1945, the Army began demobilization. Robert left Guam on 22 October 1945 for discharge at Fort Dix, New Jersey, arriving there



North Field Camp
24th Air Depot Squadron

on 4 November 1945. He was discharged as Staff Sergeant on 20 November 1945. For his service, Robert was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal for his

support of the air war in the European Theater, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal for his service on Guam, the Army Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. After returning home, Robert worked in sales and eventually as a sales manager for H. Waterbury and Sons Felt Company in Oriskany, New York, for 40 years. He and Carolyn initially lived in Utica and later moved to Pennsylvania—first to Wyomissing followed by Wescosville and then Macungie, where they settled at 5746 Tavistock Lane in 1980. Robert died on 25 February 2008 in Arden Courts Nursing Home in Wescosville. He was laid to rest at Grandview Cemetery in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Robert was a life member of the Paper Industry Management Association and the Oriental Lodge #224 F.&A.M., and had been a member of the Knights Templar, the Ziyara Shriners, the Windjammers, and the Macungie Band, for which he played the tuba. Robert and Carolyn had a son, **Robert Seavey Jr.**, who served as Staff Sergeant in the Air Force in Germany and Vietnam, and two daughters, **Diane Lynne** and **Sharon Ann**. They were also blessed with seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Robert's brother, **Herbert Southhall Greene Jr.**, served in the Army during WWII in Italy with the Combat Engineers.