



Albert Noah Miller
Radarman 2nd Class U.S. Navy
18 October 1944 – 21 July 1946

Albert was born at home in Wescosville, Pennsylvania, on 4 March 1927. He attended grade school in a two-room schoolhouse in the Village of Minesite and in another two-room schoolhouse in Wescosville. He attended 9th grade at Raub Jr. High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Allentown High School in 1944. Albert enlisted and was inducted into the Navy in Allentown on 18 October 1944 as a Seaman Apprentice. He underwent recruit training at U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, followed by training as a Radarman at Fleet Service School, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was then ordered to Patrol Craft *USS Susanville* (PC-1149). While he was aboard *USS Susanville*, she patrolled for German U-boats and escorted convoys from port to port along the east coast and into the Caribbean as far south as Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. On 13 June 1945, *USS Susanville* transited the Panama Canal to join the Pacific Fleet. After stopping at San Diego, California, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Eniwetok Island, she sailed for the Mariana Islands on 29 July 1945. She reached Saipan on 1 August 1945, and remained there through the end of the war and into September 1945. After a brief voyage to Iwo Jima in September 1945, *USS Susanville* returned to the Marianas, and operated there for a little over a year. Albert left *USS Susanville* sometime around July 1946 to return to Bainbridge to be discharged on 21 July 1946. Albert was awarded the American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, and World War II Victory Medals. He returned home and attended Muhlenberg College in Allentown, graduating in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Chemistry. While attending Muhlenberg, Albert met **Edna Kern** (born 24 January 1930). They were married on 13 November 1947 in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Allentown. After Albert graduated, they moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, where he taught in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, until 1952. They then moved to Allentown where he taught 7th and 8th grade science from 1952 to 1955 at the newly built Lower Macungie Township Elementary School on Lower Macungie Road. He attended Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he received a Master of Education and Administration degree. In 1955, Albert began teaching chemistry, physics, and science at Emmaus High School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where he became Assistant Principal several years before he retired in 1986. Albert and Edna had two children, **Albert Andrew** and **Cynthia Jane**. Albert's hobby was growing Orchids. He grew several hundred of them in his Allentown home. He was a member of the Lehigh Valley Orchid Society in Easton, Pennsylvania. Albert died at home on 21 January 1996. He is buried at Bible Fellowship Church Cemetery in Zionsville, Pennsylvania. Albert's parents were **Austin Ralph Miller** (3 July 1896 – 26 August 1981) and **Florence Catherine Kuhns** (13 October 1901 – 3 December 1987). Albert's brother **William Henry** served in the Army during World War II from 17 April 1943 to 11 December 1945. His brother **Robert Charles Franklin** served in the Marine Corps from 25 June 1946 to 3 May 1947. Another brother, **Richard Austin**, served in the Army and Army Reserves from 17 July 1962 to 8 August 1968.



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