



National Defense
Service Medal



Quartermaster
Corps Insignia

Gerald Robert Roth
Corporal U.S. Army
21 April 1953 – 16 March 1955

Gerald was born on 30 May 1933 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he, his brother, **James William Roth**, and their parents, **Leon Franklin Roth** (2 March 1909–28 January 1962) and **Agnes Agusta Fix** (7 November 1908–13 February 1983), were living at the time. In 1940, they moved to Wescosville, Pennsylvania, where they lived in log house built in 1792 and believed to be originally used as a summer kitchen for the Wescosville Hotel. In 1989, the log house was moved to its present location adjacent to the Wescosville Recreation Center. While living in the log house, Gerald attended grades 1–8 at the Wescosville Schoolhouse until 1947, 9th grade at Lincoln School in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, and grades 10–12 at Emmaus High School. After graduating from high school in 1951, Gerald worked as a Service Station Attendant for Ryan Esso Station in Allentown until he was drafted into the Army. He entered the Army as a Private in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 21 April 1953, and was assigned to Fort Lee, Virginia, where he underwent basic training and attended Quartermaster School. He was then assigned to Corozal Army Post in the Panama Canal Zone,

where he served from August 1953 until his release from active duty. He was released as a Corporal on 16 March 1955 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. While in Panama, Gerald was assigned to the 73rd Quartermaster Company as a Driver for the staff car of the Colonel in charge of the Quartermaster units stationed in the Canal Zone. After his release from active duty, Gerald was assigned to the Army Reserves in which he served until 15 May 1961. Gerald returned home and married **Marilyn Alverta Moyer** (born 9 March 1937) on 31 December 1955 in St. John's United Church of Christ in Fogelsville, Pennsylvania. He and Marilyn went to live in Breinigsville, Pennsylvania,



Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

where they settled. Gerald initially worked for Lehigh Portland Cement Company in Fogelsville as an Electrician until 1970. After that, he was employed as an Electrician by Schaefer-Stroh Brewery, also in Fogelsville, until he retired in 1994. He was a life member of the Wescosville Fire Co. since he was 21 years old, a life member of Breinigsville V.F.W. Post 8282 since 1965, and a member of the Kutztown Fire Company and Kutztown American Legion Post #0480. Gerald and Marilyn had two children, **Marlene Linda** and **Dane Robert**. Gerald died on 9 March 2010. Gerald's brother James served in the Navy during the Korean War.