



Amos Charles Weida
Private U.S. Army Air Corps
24 September 1941 - 30 September 1945

Amos was born at home on 9 September 1921 in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. His parents were **Stanley Amos Weida** (20 December 1888–January 1975) and **Bertha M. Frey Weida** (1 November 1889–31 December 1936). Amos, along with his older sister, Kathryn Elizabeth Weida and two brothers, Donald Stanley Weida and Wayne Frey Weida, grew up in a house at the family flour mill (Weida’s Roller Mill). The mill, located just upstream from the bridge where Riverbend Road crosses Little Lehigh Creek and where the house was located, was purchased in 1896 by Amos’s grandfather Amos Weida (born 1861), who had turned operation of the mill over to his sons, Stanley Amos Weida and Harry J. Weida, just after World War I had ended. Amos attended grades 1–8 at Riegel’s School on today’s Farr Road, and he graduated from Emmaus High School in 1939. Amos enlisted in the Army as a Private on 24 September 1941. He was inducted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 7 December 1941, and then underwent basic and advanced technical training for service in the Army Air Corps. Amos left the States on 7 December 1942 for the European Theater. He served there until three weeks after the war in Europe ended. He returned to the States on 30 May 1945 and was assigned to Sioux Falls Field, South Dakota, home of the Air Corps Radio Mechanics/Aircraft Radio Maintenance Technical School. He served the remainder of his enlistment at Sioux Falls Field until his discharge at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, on 30 September 1945. For his overseas wartime service, Amos was awarded the European–African–Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. After his discharge from the Army, Amos lived with his parents at 529 West Broad Street in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where they had moved to and opened a bakery and luncheonette business. Amos helped his parents with the business until he married **Lorraine Diane (Mohr) Weida** (born 24 August 1927) on 20 June 1948 in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Amos and Lorraine lived for a while at 742 Spruce Street in Emmaus with Lorraine’s parents before they moved to 108 Macungie Avenue in Emmaus, and later to 2135 West Allen Street in Emmaus. Amos and his two brothers, who also served in the Army during World War II and had returned home by that time, opened a luncheonette in Emmaus. They operated the luncheonette until 1952, when they opened the Charcoal Drive-in Restaurant on Hamilton Boulevard in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. After selling the drive-in restaurant in 1973, the three of them opened the West End Service Station and Car Wash at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Kressler Road. Amos died on 22 July 2002 in Emmaus. He and Lorraine are buried alongside each other in Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church Cemetery in Salisbury Township.



Lorraine



Amos