



Donald Stanley Weida
Private U.S. Army Medical Corps
2 February 1942 – 27 February 1946

Donald was born at home on 1 July 1918 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). Donald, along with his older sister Kathryn Elizabeth Weida and two younger brothers, Amos Charles 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 Donald'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. Donald attended grades 1–8 at Riegel's School on today's Farr Road, and he graduated from Emmaus High School in 1936. After graduating from high school, Donald worked as a clerk for Robert A. Reichard Inc., a fertilizer and animal products business in Allentown, Pennsylvania, until he enlisted in the Army. Donald was inducted into the Army as a Private at Fort George G. Meade in Maryland on 2 February 1942. After undergoing basic and advanced training for service in the Medical Corps, Donald served in the States until 23 March 1945, the date he left for overseas. He served in Belgium with the Army Air Corps until February 1946, arriving back in the States on the 24th of that month. He was discharged three days later on 27 February 1946 in Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. For his overseas service in Europe, Donald was awarded the European–African–Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. After returning home, Donald initially lived with his parents at 529 West Broad Street in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, where they had moved to and opened a bakery and luncheonette business, and he helped his parents operate the business. Donald married **Vivian Telillia Snyder** (13 Mar 1918–8 Nov 1995) of Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1947. They initially lived next door to his parents at 527 West Broad Street in Quakertown, where they had a stillborn son. In 1950, they moved to 707 Greenleaf Street in Emmaus. Donald 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. Donald died on 11 October 1996 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Salisbury Township. He and Vivian are buried alongside each other in Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church Cemetery in Salisbury Township. Donald and Vivian raised two sons, **Douglas Donald** and **Phillip**, and a daughter, **Robyn**.

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