

Velva Fagan Ray

My great grandpa's name was Velva Fagan Ray. He was my great grandpa but every one called him Pete. He was born Dec, 9, 1921. He grew up in Tensleep, Wyoming. He was drafted in to the United States army in 1942. He was a medical technical and he finished medical training at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California.

He was in World War II at Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands. He made an album when he was in Tarawa with pictures he took and stories he saw. When they were in Tarawa they had a base ball team that he played on. He earned an honorable discharge on November 14, 1945.

He went back to Wyoming and married his high school sweet heart, Dorothy Irene Sutherland. They had my grandma Valerie Jo Ray on Jan, 11 1947. After returning to Wyoming and getting married, Pete and Dorothy worked on a sheep ranch on thy upper no wood. After 5 years of ranching they moved to Worland, Wyoming. Where he went to work for Texas gulf sulpher, my grandma said he stunk of sulpher when he got home from work. He liked to hunt, fish and play baseball. He and my great grandpa Chamberlain hunted the same albino deer for a lot of years. He shot it in 1952 and it is still hanging in our living room today.

In 1957 he, Dorothy and Valerie went on vacation in Oklahoma where he passed away suddenly.

My great grandma received a letter from President Lyndon B. Johnson. He died because he was a Veteran.

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