

Clyde J. Rucker
AEHC featured person for the week of April 25, 2021

Clyde J. Rucker
May 30, 1911 – April 29, 1971

Died this week in 1971, Clyde Jordan Rucker is buried in our cemetery's Section 4, Lot 45, Space 9.

Summary of our research: Clyde Jordan Rucker was born on May 30, 1911 in Rush County to Charles Elmer (1880-1950) and Minnie (Jordan) (1887-1937) Rucker.

Clyde's father Charles Elmer Rucker was born in Rush County to Henry L. (1843-1884) and Susan (Siler) (1851-1910) Rucker.

Clyde's paternal grandfather Henry L. Rucker was born in Indiana to Dr. James S. (1811-1872) and Elizabeth C. (Bartlett) (1810-1883) Rucker. Henry married Susan (Siler) on March 2, 1871. Henry was listed on the 1880 Census as a Trader. Henry died in 1884 and was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. His widow married Walter S. Smith. Susan (Siler) Rucker Smith passed away in 1910 and she was buried next to her first husband, Henry. Walter Scott Smith (1844-1930) was a minister and is buried next to his first wife, Rose, in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Clyde's paternal great-grandfather Dr. James Spencer Rucker was born in Kentucky. He was a medical doctor. Dr. Rucker and his family were living in Indiana by the early 1840's, as their son Henry was born in Indiana in 1843.

Clyde's mother Minnie (Jordan) was born in Rush County to William (1852-1912) and America (Spencer) (1858-1917) Jordan.

Clyde's maternal grandfather William Jordan was born in Kentucky. America (Spencer) was born in Indiana. They are both buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Clyde's parents Charles E. and Minnie (Jordan) Rucker were married in 1910 and they resided in Posey Township. Charles was a bookkeeper by trade and worked as such for a grain elevator, the telephone company, and a tomato factory during his career. Charles and Minnie are both buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Clyde married Frances (Winkler) (1914-2001) on February 10, 1935 in Rush County. Frances was the daughter of Delbert (1890-1967) and Letha (Marshall) (1893-1922) Winkler. Delbert was listed as a farmer and the owner of a gravel pit.

After the death of her mother in 1922, Frances' father married Leatha (Rumph) (1905-1973) in 1938. Delbert, Letha and Leatha are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Delbert is buried between his two wives.

Clyde and Frances both graduated from Arlington High School, 1930 and 1933, respectively. They had two children, Ronald E. born in 1937 and Bonnie I. born in 1940. On the 1940 Census, Clyde was listed as a truck driver. Clyde then served with the US Army in France during WWII. He was a Technician Third Grade with the 311th Infantry, 75th Infantry Division.

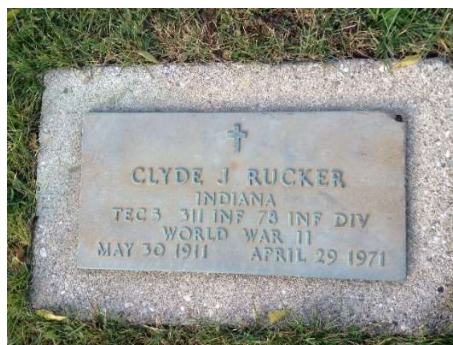
After the war he was employed at International Harvester and then by Chrysler in New Castle from 1949-1957. He lived in Posey Township throughout his life. He was a member of the Arlington Christian Church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He passed away on April 29, 1971 and was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, son, daughter, and six grandchildren.

Frances (Winkler) Rucker passed away in 2001. She was buried next to her husband. At the time of her death their family had grown to seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Their children Ronald E. Rucker (1937-2020) and Bonnie I. (Rucker) Parks (1940-2017) were both residing in Florida at the time of their respective deaths. We extended our deepest sympathies to the Rucker and Parks families on these recent losses. We also want to thank them for the military service of Clyde E. Rucker.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com



Clyde Rucker
Arlington (Ind.) High School - Wildcats
1930 AHS Rambler Yearbook
Senior Year Photo