



Silas M. Rasnake

Silas M. Rasnake enlisted in the United States Navy in the summer of 1944. He received his boot training at the Bainbridge, Maryland Naval Training Center. He received further training at an amphibious training base in Fort Pierce, Florida. Seaman Second Class Silas Rasnake served in the Pacific Theater. Silas was the son of Lillie B. and William Stafford Rasnake from Cleveland, Virginia. He had two sisters, Edith Rasnake Thompson and Ruth Rasnake Boothe. He married Ann Hawley. They had two sons and two daughters: William Joseph Rasnake, Randy Rasnake, Donnay May Rasnake, and Sandra Kay Rasnake Burns. -A Tribute to World War II Veterans of Russell County Virginia. Historical Society of Russell Co., Va., 1999. Silas M. was a son of Lillie Belle Kiser and William Stafford Rasnake. William Stafford was a son of Leah Jane Kiser and Stephen Rasnake (known as Little One-Arm Stevie). Stephen was a son of Stephen Rasnake and Winnie Artrip. Stephen was a son of Elijah Rasnake and Elizabeth Skeen. Elijah was a son of German soldier Jacob Ruehrschneck.