

War Era Story Project 2012

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Current home town: Gibsonburg, Ohio

Age: 88

Harold Lee Spanfellner was born December 3, 1925, at Gibsonburg, Ohio. He enlisted in the US Navy in October, 1943, and completed boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Station. He served at Newport Naval Hospital until discharged in June, 1946. He was awarded the American Area Campaign Medal and WWII Victory Medal.

Virginia Ann Burbine (Spanfellner) was born January 19, 1924, in Melrose, Massachusetts. She enlisted as a WAVE on September 2, 1944. She completed boot camp at Hunter College in the Bronx, N.Y., then attended Rehabilitation School at Hunter, focusing in physical therapy. She did her indoctrination in physical therapy at St. Albas, N.Y. She Served at USNH in St. Albans, N.Y., Newport, Rhode Island, and Corona, California. She was discharged May 9, 1946 in San Diego. She was awarded the American Area Campaign Medal and WWII Victory medal.

Harold and Virginia met at Newport Naval Hospital. Both were physical therapist. They married June, 1946 (47 years). Harold died Aug. 13, 1993. They had two children.