

Steiner Family Newsletter



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ROBERT ERVIN STEINER JULY 28, 1918

He was born Robert Ervin Steiner, but we all have known him as "Erv." Second born son to Harry and Edith Steiner.

Born: July 28, 1918
Died: January 21, 2001
Cemetery: West Point, Liberty, Indiana
Profession: Service lineman for GTE retired after 30 years

Wife: Margaret Jane McCabe
Born: April 14, 1920
Died: July 21, 1989
Married: June 21, 1940 (marriage ended in divorce)

Wife: Hazel Irene Fletcher
Born: March 8, 1930
Married: October 26, 1952 (marriage ended in divorce)

Wife: Betty Purcell (marriage ended in divorce)

Wife: Lydalee Greye
Born: March 29, 1921
Married: October 7, 1973



Erv Steiner as a young boy



Erv Steiner in the 1970's



*Steiner brothers and sisters in the 1980's at the annual reunion in Oxford.
L to R: Joe, Irene, Ginny, Katherine, Hazel, Selma, Sissy, Johnny, Tom, and Erv*



*Lydalee and Bob Steiner
(as she always called him)*

CHILDREN OF ERV & PEGGY STEINER**James Robert Steiner**

Born: June 5, 1941
 Profession: Bell Atlantic Telephone
 Wife: Lela Spence
 Born: December 24, 1941
 Married: June 3, 1962

Janie Elaine Steiner

Born: April 30, 1948
 Profession: Homemaker
 Husband: Donald Redinbo
 Born: April 6, 1948
 Married: February, 1967 (marriage ended in divorce)

 Husband: James Cox
 Born: February 10, 1950
 Married: December 23, 1973 (marriage ended in divorce)

CHILD OF JIM AND LELA STEINER

GRANDCHILD OF ERV & PEGGY STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Annora Jeanne Steiner

Born: 2/6/1963

CHILDRED OF JANIE & DONALD REDINBO

GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & PEGGY STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

David Lynn Redinbo

Born: 8/27/1967

April Michelle Redinbo

Born: 12/20/1969

CHILDRED OF JANIE & JAMES COX

GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & PEGGY STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Misty Jo Cox Born: 2/2/1975

James Weslie Cox Born: 5/5/1976



Janie, Don, and David Redinbo with Annora and Lela Steiner

GRANDCHILDRED OF JANIE & JAMES COX

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & PEGGY STEINER

GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Brianna Nichole Lynn Cox Born: 8/2/1995

LaKobe James Mitchell Cox Born: 3/3/2000

<Children of Misty Jo Cox>

Austin Bonner Born: 1995

<Son of James Wesley Cox>

GRANDCHILDRED OF JANIE & DONALD REDINBO

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & PEGGY STEINER

GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Corey Lynn Redinbo Born: 10/30/1988

Joseph Kyle Redinbo Born: 11/2/1989

<Sons of David and Christie Redinbo>

Cassandra Lee Timmons Born: 11/4/1990

Joshua Timmons Born: 10/3/1993

<Children of April and Jeffrey Timmons>

Gabrielle Lanae Hines Born: 9/12/1997

Levi Hines Born: 4/26/2001

<Children of April and Greg Hines>

CHILDREN OF ERV & HAZEL STEINER

Gregg Allen Steiner

Born: August 19, 1956
 Wife: Janet Morford
 Born: February 11, 1957
 Married: August 11, 1976 (marriage ended in divorce)

Brett Ervin Steiner

Born: May 10, 1958
 Wife: Mary Kathryn Carnes
 Born: December 24, 1962
 Married: November 17, 1984

Glen Ryan Steiner

Born: January 4, 1965
 Wife: Lori Alice Becker
 Born: February 23, 1965
 Married: October 16, 1982 (marriage ended in divorce)

Wife: Leslie Blevins
 Born: February 7, 1962
 Married: November 8, 1997



Ron (Hazel's son), Erv holding Glen, Gregg, Brett, and Hazel

CHILDREN OF GREGG AND JANET STEINER

(Below: Justin and Andrew were adopted by Janet's second husband)

GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & HAZEL STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Justin Allen Steiner Keal

Born: 10/19/1978

Andrew Thomas Steiner Keal

Born: 2/17/1981

Jennifer Steiner (date of birth unknown)

CHILDREN OF BRETT AND MARY STEINER

GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & HAZEL STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Christopher Robert Steiner

Born: 11/10/1985

Jessica Desserai Belle Steiner

Born: 4/2/1987

CHILDREN OF GLEN AND LORI STEINER

GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & HAZEL STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Joshua Ryan Steiner

Born: 6/26/1981

Alicia Lynn Steiner

Born: 9/9/1982 Died: 10/3/2001

CHILDREN OF GLEN AND LESLIE STEINER

GRANDCHILDREN OF ERV & HAZEL STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Robbie Steiner

(date of birth unknown)

Arizona Central – 10/4/2001

A Mesa teen has been killed in a single vehicle accident eight miles south of Payson, authorities said. The state Department of Public Safety said that 19-year old Alicia Steiner was driving southbound on highway 87 when her Jeep Wrangler ran off the road. Officers said Steiner overcorrected and the vehicle struck a dirt embankment on the opposite side, then rolled several times. They said that, despite wearing her seat belt, Steiner was ejected.



Young Navy Seaman, Erv



Fred and Erv Steiner



Newlyweds, Margaret and Erv Steiner



Margaret "Peggy" McCabe Steiner



Erv and Peggy Steiner with their first born son, Jimmie



Great-Uncle Brett holds nephew Levi Hines



Greg Steiner and Jim Moore playing in the Annual Euchre Tournament



Nan and Lydalee Steiner share stories at a family reunion



April Redinbo Hines and her family, baby Levi, daughter Gabrielle, and husband, Greg (taken at a reunion in 2001)



Lydalee Steiner and Dana Beck share a laugh



Randi Lawson, Jennifer and Greg Steiner, and Kim Weaver at a recent reunion

Prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Navy, **Robert Ervin Steiner**, worked for the Fairfield Mfg. Co., Lafayette, Ind., as a spiral gear cutter. He was living at 2416 Main St., Lafayette, Ind. at the time. He enlisted as an Apprentice Seaman in a Construction Battalion, Seabees, on September 18, 1943 to serve for 2 years or Duration of War plus six months. He was then placed on inactive duty without pay. On September 25, 1943 he was recalled to active duty with pay and transferred on November 27, 1943 to NCTC, Camp Peary, Magruder, VA., for indoctrination training.

During WWII the U.S. Navy took over a large area of York County which became known as Camp Peary for use as a Seabee training base and a stockade for German Prisoners-of-War. All the residents of the entire town of Magruder and Bigler's Mill were removed. While here he was promoted to MM3c, Machinist Mate, effective January 1, 1944.

On March 5, 1944 Robert was transferred to the Amphibious Training Base, Camp Bradford, VA. Camp Bradford was part of what is now Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. Camp Bradford was named by the U.S. for a Confederate Army officer. During WWII Camp Bradford was about half of the present Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. On March 16, 1943 Camp Bradford changed its identity from a Seabees Training Base to an Amphibious Training Base. Between May 1943 and January 1944, over 100,000 troops were amphibiously polished at Bradford. Day and night, men, tanks and guns poured in and out of the holds of LST's, LCI's, LCVP. Early in January 1944 with the end of Army training Bradford plunged into the vital LST program. Here training time savers were put to work on a mock ship, known as the USS NEVERSAIL, made of wood and concrete.

On July 21, 1944 Robert was transferred to the Receiving Station Boston, MA., for duty aboard the USS LST 1033 and was on board when the ship was commissioned. The ship specification are from "www.navsource.org/archives/10/161033.htm". LST-542 Class Tank Landing Ship: Laid down, June 9, 1944, at Boston Navy Yard, Boston, MA.; Launched July 9, 1944; Commissioned USS LST-1033, August 12, 1944. During World War II, LST-1033 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the assault and occupation of Iwo Jima in February 1945 and the assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto from April through June 1945. Following the war, LST-1033 performed occupation duty in the Far East and saw service in China until mid-July. Redesignated USS LSTH-1033, September 15, 1945; Decommissioned, August 1, 1946; Struck from the Naval Register, August 28, 1946; Sold, December 5, 1947, to Bosey, Philippines; Resold to the Republic of China, December 1947, renamed

Chung Sheng (LST-211), later renumbered (LST-222); Final Disposition, fate unknown. LST-1033 earned two battle stars for World War II service. Specifications: Displacement 1,625 t.(lt), 3,640 t.(fl); Length 328'; Beam 50'; Draft unloaded, bow 2'4", stern 7'6", loaded bow 8'2" stern 14'1"; Speed 12k; Complement 8-10 Officers, 89-100 Enlisted; Troop Capacity, approx. 130 officers and enlisted; Boats, two LCVP; Armament; one single 3"/50 gun mount, eight 40mm guns, twelve 20 mm guns; Propulsion, two General Motors 12-567 diesel engines, two shafts, twin rudders.

From "Large Slow Target" Volume II, A History of the Landing Ships (LSTs) and the Men Who Sailed on Them. Written and Edited by Melvin D. Barger.

IWO JIMA - The Philippines were still being cleared on February 19, 1945 when 30,000 U.S. Marines went ashore on a soft beach of volcanic ash at Iwo Jima, in the Bonin Islands, Iwo Jima (which means Sulphur Island) was more heavily defended than anyone might have expected, and it proved to be the bloodiest battle of the Pacific, with more than 6,000 U.S. dead.

The primary reason for taking Iwo was to provide an air strip for crippled B-29 bombers returning to Tinian from raids on Japan. The conquest of Iwo also eliminated a base the Japanese had used for fighter plane attacks on the bombers. These goals were achieved, but at great cost.

Large numbers of LST's were available for the Iwo Jima assault, and 63 were actually used before the battle was over (LST-1033 was one of them). The LST's were loaded with the usual amphibious tractors in addition to large numbers of tanks and other weapons for the initial assault.

The Iwo Jima assault turned into a long and bitter struggle requiring 36 days before the island was pronounced secure. The defending commander, General Tadamichi Kuribaysa died with most of the members of his 22,000 man force. They had honeycombed the island with a network of caves and tunnels which gave excellent protection despite days of _____ bombardment and other softening-up operations. Iwo Jima was eventually taken by skilled persistent fighting in which Marines moved across the island yard-by-yard and gradually flushed out the defenders.

LST's supplied the assault forces throughout the Iwo campaign and one even turned its deck into a cafeteria for ground troops. And it was LST-779 which furnished its seldom used ceremonial flag for the historic flag-raising on Mount Suribachi.

OKINAWA: The Final Leap. En route to Okinawa in late March 1945, some LST crews had to learn how to operate compartment heating equipment which had never been used during the months in the South Pacific. But Okinawa was further north, only 300 miles from the southern tip of Japan, and it could be cool at this time of year. It was still only moderately warm before dawn on 1 April 1945 (Easter Sunday) when two Army infantry divisions and two Marine divisions landed on Okinawa. The initial assault force was large, and it could have been even larger now that LST's and other amphibious ships were no longer needed elsewhere.

More than 300 LST's were credited with service during the Okinawa campaign, although not all of them were present the first day or even the first month. But LST's credited for Okinawa include the following; (the list of LST's include the 1033).

Several LST's were destroyed at Okinawa and a few others were damaged. But the losses could have been higher, because the Japanese had launched the desperate kamikaze aircraft attacks which would exact a heavy toll from a number of ships. The attacks commenced with the landings on April 1 and continued all summer. Even when surrender talks were underway in August, kamikaze planes appeared nightly.

As with the Normandy campaign in Europe, the LST's at Okinawa earned the right to be called the "workhorse" of the invasion. Individual LST's carried in the assault troops and then served as ammunition ships, as hospital vessels and as supply ships. Some LST's, using amphibious tractors, helped move Okinawan civilians out of the battle zones. Other LST's carried lumber and supplies for the Okinawan people.

Okinawa was the final war action for LST's in World War II. Most LST crews who went there expected to engage in an assault on the Japanese mainland in October or November. But the atomic bombs were dropped in August, and on September 2 the terms of surrender were signed aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

On August 8, 1944, Robert Steiner was before a Captain's Mast for being AWOL from 11:30 on August 6 to 07:30 August 7, 1944. He was given 2 weeks restriction and two hours extra duty per day during this period.

On August 12, 1944 Robert was officially transferred to the LST for duty.

On August 12, 1944 he was again promoted from SF3c to SF2c, Ship fitter, effective January 1, 1945.

On January 28, 1945 Robert crossed 180 degrees and was duly initiated into the Royal Order of GOLDEN DRAGONS. The Order of the Golden Dragons was an ancient oriental maritime order, based upon ones experience before the mast. Most of the old order were pirates or scourges of the high seas. To be welcomed into the order one must have completed a certain order of events. Those being to have; sailed before the mast as a crew member of a wooden deck ship, sail at least three of the seven seas, cross the equator under sail, cross the International Dateline, and most important of all, sail the South China Seas. Since he crossed the equator he was also inducted into the Ancient Order of Shellbacks.

On February 19, 1945 Robert participated in the successful invasion and landing operations on IWO JIMA.

From April 1 thru April 24, 1945 Robert participated in the invasion of Okinawa Gunto, Ryukyu Islands

From September 10, 1945 until November 7, 1945 he continually engaged in the successful mission of occupation of and in the country of Japan. Having served aboard the ship in the ports of Nagasake, Sasebo, Wakayama and Nagoya, Japan.

On November 20, 1945 Robert Ervin Steiner received orders to go to Great Lakes, IL for discharge from the Navy, and was discharged on December 20, 1945 with an Honorable Discharge.

During his time in the service he earned the following medals:

- Victory Medal; The WW II Victory Medal was awarded to all military personnel for service between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946.
- Asiatic-Pacific medal with 2 stars; was awarded to personnel for service within the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946.
- Philippine Liberation medal was to recognize military service in the last days of World War II when the military of Japan was driven from the Philippines and then to eventually surrender in September of 1945.
- American Theatre Medal was awarded to personnel for service within the American Theater between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946.



Victory Medal



Asiatic-Pacific Medal



Philippine Liberation Medal



American Theatre Medal

April and May Birthdays



Allison Burnham (30)	4/1
Anna Steiner Kemery	4/2
Tony Troxell	4/2
David Troxel (59)	4/4
Hazel Steiner Braun	4/6
Michael Biery (24)	4/7
George Braun	4/8
Mark Weaver (55)	4/8
Lora Steiner (??)	4/9
Alex Haberfield (15)	4/12
Trev Parker (11)	4/18
Scott Steiner (32)	4/25
Levi Hines (7)	4/26
Jessica Steiner (21)	4/29
Janie Steiner Cox (60)	4/30
Kathy Steiner (60)	5/5
Alexa Hunt (4)	5/5
Chad Steiner (36)	5/6
Peyton O'Brien (2)	5/6
Natasha Taylor (15)	5/9
Brett Steiner (49)	5/10
Amy Troxell (39)	5/10
Tom Steiner (49)	5/11
Teagan Parker (8)	5/15
Steve Steiner (61)	5/17
Jason Steiner (35)	5/18
Alex Moosey (20)	5/18
Lindsey Moosey (20)	5/18
Megan Gallegos (24)	5/22
Kaitlyn Steiner (13)	5/23
Neale Moosey (69)	5/27
Dick Lancaster (56)	5/27
Aletha Steiner	5/28
Irene Steiner Hawk	5/29

Meet the Newest Member of the Steiner Family!!

Welcome to Raiden Cody Andrew Putman! He was born on Friday, April 11, 2008. Raiden is the son of Harry "Bubba" and Jennifer Putman, and little brother of Akasha Putman. He was born a little before noon and weighed in at 7 lbs and 11 ozs and was 20 inches long.



Raiden is named after our "Cody" and remarkably he was born one day before the 1st anniversary of Cody's death. This birth brought such joy to our family that day and will continue to do so in the years to come. It's a gentle reminder that life continues on. Nothing or no one will ever replace Cody, but Raiden will forever be a shining light to our family. He is truly a blessing from above and a way to help us all cope with our grief and sadness.

The entire family is doing well. Raiden is growing like a weed and Akasha loves her new baby brother. Below are some photos. I hope you enjoy!



Daddy and Raiden say hello!



Akasha climbs on daddy's lap to get a good look at her new baby brother

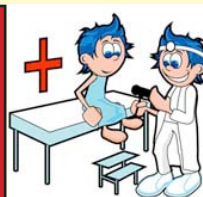


The whole Putman family together. Dad, Mom, Akasha and Raiden



Mom and baby relax at home

PLEASE KEEP LYDALEE STEINER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AS SHE CONTINUES TO RECOOPERATE FROM A BROKEN HIP AND A CONCUSSION AFTER FALLING EARLIER THIS YEAR



Raiden Cody Andrew Putman





*Happy
Anniversary!*

Bud and Katherine Troxel
4/12/1947

Jessica and Gabe Golba - 9 years
4/24/1999

George and Hazel Braun
5/29/1959

Steve and Arlene Steiner - 39 years
5/31/1969

Rob and Krista Hunt - 11 years
5/31/1997

*April &
May
Angelversaries*



Hazel Leona Steiner Braun
4/8/2002

Cody Andrew Putman
4/12/2007

Edith Genevieve Nelson Steiner
5/5/1975

Quinton Andrew Bricker
5/10/2005

George Braun
5/12/2005

Virginia Sue Steiner Kelley
5/15/2005



PV2 Dustin Briscoe Serving in Iraq

Dustin Briscoe left for Iraq in late February. He first went to Kuwait for inprocessing for about 10 days and then they left for Iraq. He is stationed east of Baghdad and for now is pulling guard duty. Please keep Dustin and the entire Briscoe family in your hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

Below is Dustin's mailing address. A card or letter would certainly make his day if you have the opportunity. All it takes is a 42¢ stamp.

PV2 Briscoe, Dustin
HHC, 1-66 AR, 4ID F06
APO, AE 09390

Sorry for the tardiness of this newsletter. I was extremely busy at my job during March and April. Also we had the birth of our new grandson, Raiden, and my mind was somewhat occupied with the anniversary of Cody's death.

I am thrilled that everyone is enjoying the newsletter. I'm learning so much about our family and it's history. Thank you this month to Jim Steiner for providing much of the information.

Next month I will be calling on Nancy, Beth, Matt and Mike for information on their dad, Tom Steiner, and their entire family. I think they have been working on this already. Have a great month of May.

Dam.