

## Family Group Sheet for Ira Lee Pauley

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**Husband**      **Ira Lee Pauley**

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Birth: 10 Aug 1901 in Sun, Fayette, West Virginia, USA  
Marriage: 07 Oct 1924 in Benton, Franklin, Illinois, USA  
Death: 24 Feb 1969 in Wilmington, Will, Illinois, USA  
Burial: 28 Feb 1969 in Mulkeytown, Franklin, Illinois, USA; Mulkeytown Cemetery  
Father: **Charles Edgar Pauley**  
Mother: **Virgie Chapman**



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**Wife**      **Thelma Elizabeth Hill**

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Birth: 06 Dec 1903 in Du Quoin, Perry, Illinois, USA  
Death: 10 Dec 1994 in Green Bay, Brown, Wisconsin, USA; Age: 91  
Burial: 13 Dec 1994 in Mulkeytown, Franklin, Illinois, USA  
Father: **Byron Lafayette Hill**  
Mother: **Nannie Bernice McClelland**



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**Children:**

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1      Name: **Ira Lee Pauley Jr.**

M      Birth: 19 Jul 1925 in Du Quoin, Perry, Illinois, USA



Marriage: 17 Jun 1950 in Rockford, Winnebago, Illinois, USA

Death: 08 Jan 1982 in Rockville, Montgomery, Maryland, USA; at home

Burial: 13 Aug 1982 in Arlington, Virginia, USA; Arlington National Cemetery, Section: R

Spouse: **Harriet Elizabeth Sprague**



2      Name: **Iris Lorraine Pauley**

F      Birth: 16 Mar 1931 in Mulkeytown, Franklin, Illinois, USA



Marriage: 05 Mar 1949 in Christopher, Franklin, Illinois, USA

Death: 20 Mar 2011 in Green Bay, Brown, Wisconsin, USA

Burial: Green Bay, Brown, Wisconsin, USA

Spouse: **Ronald Dean Buckner**

3      Name: **Virginia Bernice Pauley**

F      Birth: 20 Sep 1933 in Mulkeytown, Franklin, Illinois, USA



Marriage: 31 Aug 1957 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois, USA

Death: 24 Jan 2009 in Austin, Travis, Texas, USA

Burial: Denison, Crawford, Iowa, USA

Spouse: **Burdell Henry Jaacks**

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**Notes for Ira Lee Pauley:**

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**Ira Lee Pauley**

The community of Sun in Fayette County, West Virginia is just off US Rt. 19, about two miles north of Mt. Hope.

Ira started working in the coal mines of West Virginia at a young age. When the Child Labor Law went into effect (in 1916) he had to stop working until he was 16. (The law was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in 1918. Major restrictions on child workers did not start until 1938.)

According to family lore Ira tried to enlist in the Navy during WW I but did not weigh enough. He was accepted into the Merchant Marines and was stationed on the Chesapeake Bay. (In an article from that period on the United States Merchant Marine website it indicates that they took young men from 21 to 30 years old - Ira would have only been about 17 at the time.) He is not listed in the WWI draft registration records. The 1930 census says that he is not a veteran, nor would he have been considered one. WW1 was July 1914 to November 1918. When it ended, ILP was only 17.

The military.com website notes that the Merchant Marines were not part of the military. During WWI the

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merchant marine staffed American merchant ships that transported supplies across the Atlantic for the American Expeditionary Force. Young men 21-30 could sign up in drug stores! <http://www.usmm.org/ww1.html> and <http://www.usmm.org/ww1train2.html>

On May 18, 1917, the Selective Service Act authorized the President to temporarily increase the U.S. military. Under the office of the Provost Marshal General, the Selective Service System was established to draft men into military service. Local boards were created for each county or similar state subdivision, and for each 30,000 people in cities and counties with a population greater than 30,000.

Nothing found in the 1920 federal census. He is not listed with his parents. His sister Crystal and her husband Robert are also not listed in the 1920 census. Where was he?

Listed in the 1930 federal census:

Name: Ira L Pauley

Home in 1930: Tyrone, Franklin, Illinois

Age: 29

Estimated Birth Year: abt 1901

Birthplace: West Virginia

Relation to Head of House: Head

Occupation: Trip Rider in coal mine

Spouse's Name: Thelma

Race: White

Other Household Members:

Thelma Pauley 26

Ira Pauley 4 9/12

As a young adult, Ira was working in Southern Illinois. He was injured there and taken to the local hospital where Thelma worked as a nurse. After marrying Thelma they started farming the land that she had inherited in Mulkeytown, Illinois. (This land was originally owned by her grandfather, Samuel McClelland). They had an orchard, garden, chickens, hogs, Hereford beef cattle, and a Jersey cow for milk.

At the 1940 federal census Ira and his family is still in the Tyrone Township of Franklin County, Illinois (S.D. 25, E.D. 28-57, sheet 19B enumerated in May 1940). He lives on a farm that he owns, with a value of \$500. He was 38 years old and had an 8th grade education and worked as a motorman in a coal mine. His annual income in 1939 was \$900. Thelma is listed as 36 years old with four years of high school, along with son Ira Lee Jr. 15, and daughters Iris 9 and Virginia 6. All three kids are in school. They were living at the same residence in 1935 according to the question. The family is listed directly under the William McClelland family (presumably relatives of Thelma's). There is no indication of where these farms were located; the address columns are blank.

In July 1945 the family was living at 303 Mulkey St., Christopher, Illinois. (source?)

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### Notes for Thelma Elizabeth Hill:

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#### Thelma Elizabeth Hill

At the 1920 census Thelma is 16 years old living with her widowed father, her sister Ina and her cousin Wynette who becomes her father's third wife.

According to copies of two different wedding announcements, Thelma was a graduate of the Sesser Illinois Public Schools. She took a nursing course at Ewing College and then worked at Marshal Browning Hospital in DuQuoin. She had worked there for more than a year when she was married in October of 1924. According to one of the articles, the marriage came as a surprise to their friends.

She taught Sunday School for many years and loved reading, traveling, and flowers.

After her husband's death she moved to Oak Park, Illinois and lived with her sister, Iris Hill. When her health began to deteriorate in 1988 she was moved to a nursing home in Green Bay, Wisconsin near her daughter

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### Notes for Ira Lee Pauley Jr.:

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#### Ira Lee Pauley Jr.

Ira is listed with his parents in the 1940 federal census. He was one of two people per page selected by line number for supplementary questions, but most did not apply to him due to his age.

Ira, Jr. enlisted in the US Navy on May 24, 1944, and received an honorable discharge on June 15, 1946, as a Seaman First Class. While in the Navy, Ira served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, primarily in the Philippines. In his file is a post-service Selective Service Classification card. Jeff has various items from Ira's time in the Navy, along with several letters written to his cousin, Virginia Peebles.

He appears in the Rockford, IL city directory 1948 - 1952. The 1948 edition states that he was a serviceman for the Toledo Scale Co. It is interesting to note that there are five other Pauleys listed. By the 1950 edition, he is a salesman for Toledo Scale and is married to Harriet, living at 621 Cottage Grove Ave. In the 1951 edition, he is a service manager for Toledo Scale, and they are living at 1925 Douglas. 1952 is the same.

After getting married, Ira worked as a salesman for the Toledo Scale Company. He was transferred from Rockford, Illinois, to Salisbury, Maryland, and then to Washington, DC. In Salisbury he was the manager and, according to the company's April 1955 newsletter (in file), first in sales for that month out of 20 districts; "Ira Pauley, genial Salisbury Resident Manager, former serviceman and Service Manager, not only led the Region with 128% of District Quota, but came close to being an 'Across The Board Champion'. Ira not only turned in 397 points personally, but Ronald Buckner, a late Industrial Service Specialist at the Home Office, turned in a 240% food machine quota and a 117% total personal quota. Great going!". (Note that Ronald Buckner is Ira's brother-in-law).

After leaving Toledo Scale, he worked for another local scale company (the Byron Miller Company of Washington, D.C.) and then for a supplies distributor before starting his own business. At the time of his death he was selling primarily reflective window film and industrial-sized paper shredders.

The 1958 city directory indicates that he is a salesman for Byron Miller and Associates, living at 1705 Noyes Ln., Silver Spring.

Ira's first grandchild, Keri Lea, was almost six months old when he died. He loved to hold her and play on the floor with her.

#### Arlington National Cemetery information:

Name: Ira Lee Jr Pauley  
Service Info.: S1C US NAVY  
Birth Date: 19 Jul 1925  
Death Date: 8 Jan 1982  
Service Start Date: 24 May 1944  
Interment Date: 13 Aug 1982  
Cemetery: Arlington National Cemetery  
Cemetery Address: C/O Director Arlington, VA 22211  
Buried At: Section 1-R Row 2 Site 3

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### Notes for Iris Lorraine Pauley: (cont.)

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#### Iris Lorraine Pauley

According to the information she provided in the 1984 family reunion package, Iris met Ronald in the local Kroger grocery store. Ronald's stepfather was the manager there and Ronald worked there as a clerk. He was four years older than her, and had already graduated high school and served four years as a medic in the Navy during WWII. According to Iris, "Ronald's sister was my best friend. I dated her brother and she dated mine (Ira Lee)."

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### Notes for Virginia Bernice Pauley:

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#### Virginia Bernice Pauley

##### Obituary:

Virginia Bernice Jaacks was born September 20, 1933, near Mulkeytown, Illinois. She was the daughter of Ira and Thelma Hill Pauley. She passed from this life on Saturday, January 24, 2009, at Carestone Assisted Living Center in Austin, Texas, at the age of 75. Virginia lived on the family farm until her graduation from Christopher High School in 1951. She then moved to Springfield, Illinois and attended Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1954 as a Registered Nurse. While working at Memorial Hospital, she met Burdell Jaacks, and they were married on August 31, 1957 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Springfield. After their wedding, the couple moved to Long Beach, California. In 1960, they relocated to Riverside, California, where they would live for the next 13 years. During this time, Virginia continued to work as a hospital nurse. She and Burdell were blessed with the birth of two children. In 1973, the Jaacks family moved to Friendswood, Texas. Virginia did insurance physicals, then worked at Methodist Hospital in Houston. Burdell's Air Force unit relocated to Bergstrom A.F.B. in 1976, and the family settled in Austin. Virginia worked for five years at R.B.J. Nursing Home, and then at St. David's Hospital, where she finished her career in 1994. She was very proud to be a nurse, and gave a lifetime of service to the profession and to her patients. Having been active members of their previous church homes, Virginia and her family joined Bethany Lutheran Church in 1976. She served the congregation in many ways, including as a Stephen Minister, member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Diaconate, and Greeter. Virginia was faithful both in worship and in living her faith. She truly had a "servant's heart," and was always willing to help others. Besides volunteering at Bethany, Virginia worked over 500 hours at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. She loved to be outside, in nature, and tended flower beds and a large vegetable garden at home. Virginia also enjoyed traveling. She and Burdell were able to go to Germany in 1984 and made other trips to Alaska, the Holy Land, Egypt, Turkey, and Greece after they retired. Virginia was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Ira Pauley, Jr. Virginia is survived by her husband of 51 years, Burdell; her son, David Jaacks and his wife Kelly; her daughter, Heidi Herndon; her granddaughters, Erin Herndon and Adeline Jaacks; her sister, Iris Buckner; numerous other family members; and many friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, near South Lamar and Ben White. The funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, January 29, 2009, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3701 West Slaughter Lane. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, in Denison, Iowa. (from the Austin, TX American-Statesman, 1/28/09)