

Bertil S Larson

Bertil Larson, was also known as 'Little Bertil' because his uncle's name was Bertil Bakke. Bertil was born to Fred and Mary (Bakke) Larson on 3 November 1923 in Polk County, Minnesota. Mary was the daughter of Andrew Bakke, brother of Peder Bakke. Bertil served in World War II and was wounded. According to the National Archives and Records Administration, Bertil was admitted to the aid station and diagnosed with a battlefield wound of the hip and buttock with no nerve or artery involvement. He had be shot with a pistol or revolver. He was treated with Penicillin and discharged in April 1945.

Following his discharge from military service, Bertil returned to Minnesota and on 7 July 1945 he married Hazel Doris De Montigny in Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN. Witnesses to the wedding were Raymond Benson and Marie Brien. The couple had two children, Jerry and David Allen Larson.

During the Korean War, Bertil once again answered his nation's call and returned to the Army and went to Korea and served in the 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Sergeant First Class Bertil Larson was Killed in Action which fighting the enemy in South Korea on 14 September 1950 Bertil was awarded the Purple Heart, the Comat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Korean War Service Medal.

Bertil's son, David Larson was killed in the Vietnam War. See his story on this same web page.

Bertil Larson was buried in the Oak Grove cemetery near Newfolden, Minnesota.

