

In Memory of
U.S. Army Corporal

Harvey Harold Henle

Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Minnehaha County
December 11, 1917 – June 16, 1944
Killed in Action in the Invasion of France



Harvey Harold Henle was born December 11, 1917, to Joseph and Eva Henle, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He had a brother, Archie, and two sisters, Juanita and Arnitha. Harvey was raised and educated in Sioux Falls, first attending Franklin Whittier and then graduating from Washington High School in 1936. He is remembered for being quite artistic and for his love of dancing and roller skating. He married Elida Anderson on December 6, 1941, and was employed by John Morrell Company before he entered the service.

On March 5, 1942, Harvey Henle entered active service and was sent to Alliance, Nebraska, and then on to Fort Benning, Georgia, for paratrooper training. After he was sent for foreign service, Corporal Henle first was in England then then went to France as part of Company I, 507 Paratrooper Infantry Airborne Division.

Corporal Harvey Henle was killed in action on June 16, 1944, in the days following D-Day. His wife, Elida, took the message, and called the doctor before delivering the news to his mother, Eva. After the war, Harvey's body was returned to the United States and buried in St. Michael's Cemetery in Sioux Falls. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Harvey's current survivors are his brother, Archie, his sister, Arnitha, and a numerous nieces and nephews. Arnitha fondly remembers "Harvey, my big red headed wonderful, generous, caring brother."

This entry was respectfully submitted by Sheila Hansen, Fallen Sons State Coordinator, Spearfish, South Dakota. Information for this entry was provided by Arnitha Olsen, Sioux Falls, sister of Harvey Henle.

S. F. Paratrooper Killed in France

Corp. Harvey H. Henle, 27,
Dies in American In-
vasion of Europe

Corp. Harvey H. Henle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henle, 1026 North Van Eps ave., paratrooper, was killed in action in France June 16, according to information received by his parents.

Corp. Henle was born in Sioux Falls December 11, 1916, and attended the public schools here, being graduated from Washington high school in 1936. He was employed by John Morrell & Co. for the last six years prior to his entrance into the army. He took his last training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Corp. Henle was married to Elida Anderson of Lake Norden at Little Flower parsonage here December 6, 1941, later entering the service in March of 1942. He was sent overseas December 16, 1943.

He is survived by his widow, his parents, a brother, Archie in the navy, two sisters, Mrs. Juanita Hearnen and Mrs. Arnitha Fitch, Sioux Falls, and his grandparents at Worthing, S. D.