

RECORD OF DEATH

PLACE OF DEATH
 County Quincy
 Township Commercial
 City or Borough _____
 Name of Hospital Red Cross
 or Institution _____
 Length of stay _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ days _____ hrs.
 In this Community _____

REGISTRAR'S No. _____
 FORMER OR USUAL RESIDENCE
 State N.J. County Atlantic
 City or Borough Commercial
 (If outside city or borough limits, name township.)
 Street No. P.O. Building Pt. Ave
 (If rural, give location)
 If foreign born, how long in U.S.A? _____

Kindly Print or Type
 FULL NAME
 (Surname last)
 (Print name here)
Kenneth G. Waters

If veteran, name war World II Social Security No. 157-05-4834

SEX M COLOR OR RACE Col Single, Married, Widowed or Divorced (write the word) Married

If married, widowed or divorced
 HUSBAND OF _____ Age, if living _____
 (Give full maiden name)
 (or) WIFE OF _____

BIRTH DATE OF DECEASED (Month, day and year) Dec 18 - 1908
 AGE Years Months Days If Less Than One Day Hrs. Min.
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BIRTHPLACE (City or town) Ind
 (State or country)

Usual occupation Operator Industrial
 Industry or business _____

MOTHER FATHER NAME Fred Waters

BIRTHPLACE (City or town) _____
 (State or country)

MAIDEN NAME Mary Minnie

BIRTHPLACE (City or town) _____
 (State or country)

SIGNATURE OF INFORMANT (Address) Mary Waters

PLACE OF BURIAL (Cremation or Burial) Central N.Y. Ave

DATE 9-30-1955 Fairmont Ind

FUNERAL DIRECTOR (Address) Frankie Ferguson Jr N. J. License No. _____
Atlantic 87

RECEIVED 9-30-1955 J.P. Mark Lot Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

DATE OF DEATH 9-24

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended the deceased V.I.E. W.K.E. 19 to 9-22 that I last saw him alive on _____, 19____ and death occurred on the date stated above, at _____

Immediate cause of death Accidental drowning

Due to _____
 Due to _____

Other conditions (include pregnancy within 3 months of death) _____

Major findings: Of operations _____
 Of autopsy _____

If death were due to external causes, fill in the following:

Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) Accidental

Date of occurrence 9-24-55

Where did injury occur? _____ (City or town) _____ (County) _____ (State)

Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, public place? Del Bay (Specify type of place)

While at work? No Means of injury Drowning

Signature Harold Corney Corney Address Farmland N.J.

Personal Story

Nominee: Randolph Edward (Sonny) Camper, Sr.

Randolph Edward "Sonny" Camper, Sr. was born in Port Norris, NJ on October 20, 1936 and died on June, 1979.

He was survived by his now deceased parents Charles Amos "Mule" Camper and Maria Ellen Camper-Ennals and sons Randolph Edward "Randy" Camper, Jr. and Charles Harden.

He attended Brown School, served our country as a Private in the United States Army. The church he affiliated was the John Wesley Methodist Church.

His employment history included Riggins & Robbins Clam Company, as well as, other oyster packing companies in the area. For years, he was a truck driver for Dagastine's Transfer Company.

"Sonny" tragically died as a result of an accidental drowning while working as a NJ Delaware waterman. On July 24, 1955, his mother's brother, Kermit Waters lost his life in the same manner.

His parents were part of the exodus of African-American families who participated in the phenomena called the "Great Migration". By the end of the third decade of the twentieth century when a massive economic depression slowed the movement north, a half a million African-Americans had abandoned the region of their birth.

By 1930, more than 1.3 million resided outside the South. During that period, the Port Norris, NJ area was considered the "Oyster Capital of the World".

Although the Eastern shore of Maryland is nationally known for its' seafood industry, there was a lack of work at that time. His parents migrated to the Port Norris area from the Eastern Shore of Maryland in search of employment and to build a more productive way of life. The Port Norris, NJ area attracted them because it offered a similar type of seafood industry. They could utilize the skills they brought with them from Maryland in the way of harvesting and processing oysters, clams and crabs. As time progressed, the Port Norris communities of Shellpile and Bivalve became populated by many families from Maryland, Virginia and other southern states.

In conclusion, "Sonny's" ancestors confronted their challenges with courage and demonstrated what a strong work ethic and determination could accomplish. Economically, they were able to provide a better lifestyle for their families. They became first-time homeowners, advanced the education of their children, and made a positive impact on the new community they called home.