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**Subject:** WWII Veterans Buried - Ft. Logan - William C Niedermeyer's Ashes???

Dear Sir and Members of the VVA Chapter 1071;

Hello. This past weekend I received an email on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) from a Morgana stating that an identifiable abandoned WWII Vet's ashes were laid to rest by your Chapter back in June as a part of an Honor's Burial Program. That WWII Vet was Dr. William Conrad Niedermeyer. William was my first Great Uncle.

First and foremost; it is with greatest regards and gratitude that your Chapter does this type of program. I'm sure that if any of William's siblings were alive today – they would be ever so grateful for your kindness and generosity that you have shown his remains. But since I was the one contacted, I say to you; Thank you with all our heart from the Niedermeyer family.

When I first read the email – I was heartbroken to find out that one of my own ancestors was forgotten. But as I am the family historian from my line, I decided to do some digging. Here's what I found out about my Great Uncle – Dr. William Conrad Niedermeyer.

Although I knew of Uncle William; I was not personally familiar with him. He was one of 6 siblings born to Charles & Anna Niedermeyer. William was the second oldest and my Great grandfather – Oscar, was the youngest. There were 3 boys; Carl, William, & Oscar; and 3 girls; Flora, Mable, & Anna. William and his siblings were born and raised in Bloomington & Decatur, Illinois area; as were many, many of our relatives. William graduated high school in 1915, then went off to school to become a dentist. In 1922 he married Lucile Byrnes. In 1931, their first daughter was born – Jean Lucile Niedermeyer; and later in 1935, their second daughter was born – Joyce Byrnes Niedermeyer. Upon Uncle William's passing in 1978; I knew that they lived in Colorado for quite some time. Aside of Aunt Mable (who was a publish author – Mable Niedermeyer McCaw), he was the only sibling to move away from Illinois. Out of his siblings, Oscar (my Great grandfather) was the first to pass in Feb 22, 1962; Carl died a few days later on Feb 27, 1962; then his sister – Flora passed away days after William passed – Nov 21, 1978. I know that his wife Lucile passed away in June 1979 – so obviously she must have been in ill health at the time of her husband's passing.

As for his two daughters... I have researched that Jean was married to Mr. Riley D Scott from Evergreen, Colorado as of a 1967 newspaper clipping from her sister, Joyce's wedding announcement. Joyce married Mr. Robert Hayes Robertson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Joyce attended Colorado College and was a school teacher for the District 11 Schools – Littleton as a "modern math demonstration teacher". It stated in the article that the newlyweds would be living at "Woodmoor, Monument, Colorado." The groom – Robert Robertson was a graduate of Brown University. Other than the clues I have found about my cousins; unfortunately, I have not come across much else.

I was wondering - what type of marker will be with the grave? Is this something that the family needs to do or was this provided by the donation as well? Also, if you could send any other information to me on the burial I would love to have it for my records - historical family as well as personal records. Would you mind sending me any contact information of the Burial location so as I can get with them to update any necessary records or speak to them in regards to my Great Uncles burial plot?

I wish I had more information for you to go on to get the burial information over to his immediate family; unfortunately, we did not keep in touch with that side of the family much. Again, we are eternally grateful of what you have done for our/my Great Uncle.

Thank you,

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