

LEROY LEONARD HAYS, SR.

(1908 – 1991)

WORLD WAR II

Name of Veteran: Leroy Leonard Hays, Sr.

Date/Place of Birth: May 4, 1908, at Braymer, Missouri

Parents: Isaac Napoleon Bonaparte 'Dick' Hays &
Etta Adelaide (Gleason) Hays

War: World War II

Military Information:

Branch of Service: United States Navy

Rank: Water Tender 2 (WT2)

Military Unit: USS Tennessee BB-43

Dates of Service: May 17, 1943 through November 1945

Narrative of Service: Leroy Hays Sr. entered service at San Francisco, California. Leroy served aboard the USS Tennessee asea from Tarawa to Okinawa. He participated in the Battle of Surigao Strait in the Philippines in October 1944. He was honorably discharged at San Francisco in November 1945.

Awards and Medals: American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Medal with 7 Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation.

Date of death: April 24, 1991, at San Jose, California

Leroy was married to Beulah Belle Sturgeon, daughter of Isaac Simpson and Minnie Lee (Campbell) Sturgeon.

Submitted by Leroy Hays, Jr., and Jack Sturgeon