

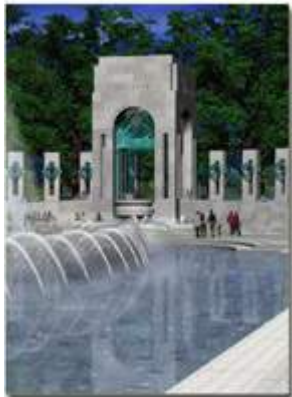
We at the Burleson Family Research Group (BFRG) are going to Honor all Burleson and Burleson Related Veterans of WWII, at our Reunion in October. We want to thank Steve Almond for his help with documenting his Father (Newell Lambert/Almond) WWII service and his family's history for future generations.

So if we don't have your relative listed in our data base it is because we don't have the information and that is where you come in, please help us and all Burleson families, send us all the information you have on your WWII Veteran.

Below is World War II Honoree that is filed at the WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. The BFRG will list every WWII Veteran we can identify in this data base so all future generation will always be able reference and know about their ancestors.



## World War II Honoree



### PK Burleson

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U.S. Army Air Forces

HOMETOWN  
Albemarle, NC

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Group**



Please go and check out the list of WWII Veterans we have identified. So if your relative is not listed please contact us at [bfrginfo@gmail.com](mailto:bfrginfo@gmail.com) or 4498 NC Hwy 62, Thomasville, NC 27360

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*World War II Honoree*

NEWELL<sup>9</sup> LAMBERT/ALMOND (ELVA<sup>8</sup> BURLESON, ELLA<sup>7</sup>, JONATHAN (DICK)<sup>6</sup>, LEE<sup>5</sup>, ISAAC BURLESON<sup>4</sup> JR, ISAAC BURLESON<sup>3</sup> SR,

ELVA BURLESON:

Stanly News -Herald, Friday July 18, 1924, Mrs Theodore Lambert Dies Mrs Theodore Lambert, who was operated on for appendicitis at Talley-Brunson Hospital last Sunday evening, died Tuesday night and was at Canton Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She was about 24 years old and leaves a husband and four small children. It seems that her condition was very serious when she reached the hospital, and it is understood that she was operated on with the hope, rather than the expectation, that she would recover. Mrs Lambert was a daughter of Mr J.C. Burleyson, keeper of the County Home, and was universally loved and respected among those who knew her.



ELVA BURLESON LAMBERT



Elva Burleson Lambert and the twins

Elva Burleson Lambert, mother of Newell and Jewell Lambert died 4 months after their birth. Theodore Lambert was left with the twin infants and their two older sisters, and he recognized that he could not provide the level of care the babies would require as he farmed and reared his other daughters. Newell and Jewell were taken to live with Theodore's sister, Mornen, and her husband Ezra Cline Almond, whose home was about one mile away on the Canton Church Road outside of Albemarle, NC. Mornen and Ezra provided the love and care that their father had known would be given, and they later adopted

the children.



Newell enjoyed the benefit of two sets of parents (Theodore later married Bertha Almond, Ezra's sister) as he loved and was loved by both. He grew up working on the farm and he enjoyed singing. His talent as a singer was recognized in his performances with the high school and church choirs, and as a soloist. In his 20s, he sang bass in a quartet with Roy Earnhardt, Billy Almond and Carroll Almond. The quartet made recordings of gospel songs on 78 RPM discs in 1947. Newell graduated from Albemarle High School and attended NC State College, but left before graduating to join the Army Air Corps as World War II was ongoing. It was not until then that he discovered his legal name had not been changed at the time of adoption from Lambert to Almond, the name he had gone by since his adoption. The change was made, thereby eliminating confusion in military records. It saddened his biological father who had wanted his son to carry on the family name. Newell obtained the rank of 2nd Lt. and piloted a variety of aircraft all over the US, transporting soldiers and military cargo. After service, he worked with his Uncle Paul Herrin in a small furniture store. He entered Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tenn. and graduated to become a licensed mortician and funeral director. He joined the staff at Lefler Funeral Home, eventually becoming its manager.

Ramelle Burleson's family endured hard times during a portion of her childhood. She was the oldest of 3 children. At one point, the family had to move to a less comfortable home while renting their house to supplement a modest income. Her brother, Bob, spoke of lying in bed at night and seeing stars through Mornen Almond openings in the roof. Ramelle was a talented basketball player in high school, she excelled on roller skates, and she loved to dance. She traveled the US in a '41 Ford as she followed Newell from base to base throughout the Air Corps years. At one point during the war years, she worked at a factory in Akron, Ohio building airplane parts and other hardware. On returning to Albemarle after the war, Ramelle worked as a bookkeeper at Southern Flour Mills. She went from there to a seamstress position (to which she commuted in Mt. Gilead, NC). Her skill with a sewing machine was great, and she made clothes for the family. She later joined Lefler Furniture Co. as a bookkeeper where she worked for many years before taking a similar position at Jeffries Southern Processors. Ramelle's cooking was a delight...memories of her fried potatoes are dear. She loved chocolate and made chocolate pies often. She enjoyed grape juice and jelly, but could not tolerate the flavor or aroma of artificial grape.

Newell and Ramelle lived in an upstairs apartment at the home of Newell's adoptive parents after completion of his military service and after the birth of Steve. They built a house on Canton Church Road between and less than a mile from both sets of his parents on land provided by Ezra Almond. After about 5 years, they moved into an upstairs apartment at the funeral home, where they lived until about 1957, when they moved to a house at 825 North Fifth St. Newell had taken a new job as salesman for PAV Chemical Co., selling embalming supplies. They moved again in 1960 to the house owned by Ramelle's father, Lonnie Burleson (who preferred to live at his cabin on Harper-Hearne Lake), until the basement of their original house on Canton Church Road could be finished, and then they moved back there. Newell took a position as funeral director at a

funeral home in Maxton, NC, and he, Ramelle and Kay moved to Maxton. Steve, who was in his junior year at Albemarle High School, continued to live in the house. Newell and Ramelle returned to Albemarle in about 1967, and lived in their mobile home (brought from Maxton) on the lot next to the house. Both suffered from alcoholism, which, no doubt, was a factor in their relatively early deaths (they were 47 and 50, respectively, at the times of death). Their children learned many things from them and much of it has been passed on to the grandchildren, one-half of whom they did not live long enough to know.  
By Steve Almond

Children of ELVA BURLESON and THEODORE LAMBERT are:

- i. GENEVA<sup>9</sup> LAMBERT, b. October 2, 1920, STANLY CO NC; d. April 6, 2007, CANTON BAPTIST CH CEM, STANLY CO, NC; m. (1) GEORGE B. MARTIN; b. February 14, 1925; d. April 2, 1997, CANTON BAPTIST CH CEM, STANLY CO, NC; m. (2) GRADY HUNEYCUTT, 1939; b. 1918; d. January 1984.
21. ii. VELMA LAMBERT, b. April 9, 1922, STANLY CO, NC.
22. iii. JEWEL LAMBERT/ALMOND, b. March 9, 1924, STANLY CO NC; d. January 26, 1992, CANTON BAPTIST CHURCH CEM, ALBEMARLE, STANLY CO, NC.
23. iv. NEWELL LAMBERT/ALMOND, b. March 9, 1924, STANLY CO NC; d. November 2, 1971, CANTON BAPTIST CH CEM, STANLY CO, NC.

**23.** NEWELL<sup>9</sup> LAMBERT/ALMOND (ELVA<sup>8</sup> BURLESON, ELLA<sup>7</sup>, JONATHAN (DICK)<sup>6</sup>, LEE<sup>5</sup>, ISAAC BURLESON<sup>4</sup> JR, ISAAC BURLESON<sup>3</sup> SR, ? JOHN<sup>2</sup> BURLESON, AARON<sup>1</sup>) was born March 9, 1924 in STANLY CO NC, and died November 2, 1971 in CANTON BAPTIST CH CEM, STANLY CO, NC. He married FRANCES RAMELLE BURLESON June 19, 1942 in ALBERMALE NC GLENN & BEULAH HAHN HOME, daughter of LONNIE BURLESON and GERTIE DUNN. She was born March 10, 1923 in STANLY CO NC, and died June 3, 1973 in CANTON BAPTIST CH CEM, STANLY CO, NC.

More About NEWELL LAMBERT/ALMOND:

Military service: US Air Force WWII



Children of NEWELL LAMBERT/ALMOND and FRANCES BURLESON are:

- 54. i. STEVE NEWELL<sup>10</sup> ALMOND, b. December 31, 1945, ALBERMALE NC.
- 55. ii. KAY ELVA ALMOND, b. September 26, 1947, ALBERMALE NC.



Newell and Ramelle Burleson Almond

**54.** STEVE NEWELL<sup>10</sup> ALMOND (*NEWELL<sup>9</sup> LAMBERT/ALMOND, ELVA<sup>8</sup> BURLESON, ELLA<sup>7</sup>, JONATHAN (DICK)<sup>6</sup>, LEE<sup>5</sup>, ISAAC BURLESON<sup>4</sup> JR, ISAAC BURLESON<sup>3</sup> SR, ? JOHN<sup>2</sup> BURLESON, AARON<sup>1</sup>*) was born December 31, 1945 in ALBERMALE NC. He married JANICE CAROLYN RAHN May 30, 1970 in BREVARD NC. She was born November 27, 1946 in BREVARD NC.



Steve and Janice Almond



Jay and David Almond

Children of

STEVE ALMOND and JANICE RAHN are:

- i. JASON ALEXANDER (JAY)<sup>11</sup> ALMOND, b. December 19, 1975; m. TRACEY SUZETTE BOWERS.
- ii. DAVID ALLEN ALMOND, b. December 1, 1977.