

## OBITUARY FOR JAMES MORGARIDGE

1920-1941



James (Jim) was born in Wyoming in 1920 to Charles and Fannie Morgaridge. As per the Federal Census in 1920, the couple were living in Lovell, Big Horn Co., WY and Jim might well have been born more specifically in Lovell, WY. He would have joined a brother Dea M and two sisters Beth and Josephine. In 1930 the Federal Census reports that the family were living in Sheridan, Sheridan County, WY. At that time there was a brother Douglas and a grandmother Nellie Morgaridge in the household.

How Jim came to join the Navy is unclear, but when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, he was aboard the USS Arizona. The Arizona was moored on Battleship Row with a number of other U.S. ships. Battleship Row was a “prime target for the Japanese pilots and bomb crashed through the Arizona’s two armored decks and ignited its magazine causing an explosion (reported ripping the ship apart like a can opener opening a tin can) after which fire engulfed the entire ship. “Thirteen hundred men were lost aboard the Arizona. [Google: Attack at Pearl Harbor 1941). James Morgaridge lost his life at the age of 21 on that fateful day—December 7, 1941. At that time his family were living in the Ten Sleep Canyon, Ten Sleep, Washakie Co., Wyoming and Jim was unmarried.

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## Basin Boy Dies in Philippines; Ten Sleep Youth is 'Missing'

A Basin boy was reported dead in the Philippines and a Ten Sleep boy who was serving with the U. S. navy in the Pacific war zone was reported missing in messages to their families from the navy and war departments Sunday.

Reported dead was Harry Rosenberry, 22, son of Mrs. Myrtle Rosenberry of Basin. He died in the Philippines, presumably in the surprise Japanese attack on Dec. 7 as the message from the war department was dated Dec. 8.

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## Worland Man Says Bombing Is 'Sickening'

With the arrival of the first mail since the disastrous Japanese attack on Hawaii two weeks ago, the fears of at least two Worland families for the safety of their sons were allayed by letters yesterday. The two are David Russell and Dallas Isbell.

Though in the thick of the bombing and standing only 20 feet from a comrade when he was struck by

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son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Morgareidge of Ten Sleep, was reported missing. He was a fireman second class in the U. S. Navy.

The message announcing Rosenberry's death said that he was killed in action. It also stated that arrangements can be made to ship the body to Wyoming after the war.

Rosenberry enlisted in the air corps a year ago. He was a recent graduate of Basin high school, where he was an outstanding athlete.

Besides his mother, who at present is in Phoenix, Ariz., with a sister, he leaves two sisters, Marie of Phoenix and Mrs. Bill Barnett; and two brothers, Forrest and Eddie. A third sister, Helen, died in Denver this fall. The Rosenberry family is a pioneer Orchard Bench family.

The report on Morgareidge, who enlisted in the navy at Denver on Nov. 5, 1940, and who was last known to be at Pearl harbor Hawaii, came as a shock to relatives because two messages dispatched since the attack by a second son, Dee, who is employed as a civilian on the docks at Honolulu, have assured his parents that he and his brother are safe.

Another brother, Douglas, has joined the air corps and will leave for service on Dec. 26.

Morgareidge was recently graduated from Ten Sleep high school. He was born in Lovell on Aug. 19, 1919. Besides his parents and two brothers, a sister, Mrs. James Spratt, lives in Ten Sleep, another sister, Mrs. Lloyd Malcolm, lives in Lovell, and a grandmother lives in Sheridan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Malcom arrived Sunday evening to see Mr. and Mrs. Ben Morgaridge, after receiving the shocking message that their son, Jim, has been listed as missing by the navy department. The entire community joins

in sympathy with the Morgaridges. Jim had attended school here and had graduated from high school. He was an industrious but quiet, unassuming lad. He loved outdoor sports. He will long be remembered as a true patriot, who gave his life that our country may continue to be the land of the free.