

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 110 Space: J (old G-144)

Find A Grave # 130509407

Name: **Osborne, Robert Earle**

Birth date: November 7, 1919 Death date: March 2, 2008 Burial Date: March 8, 2008 Age: 88
b. Carney's Point, NJ

Spouse: (Alice) Margaret *Webb* Osborne; m. May 31, 1952

Children: Leslie *Osborne* McKernan and Jean *Osbourne* Simons

Parents: Robert Earle Osborne Sr. and Edith *McLean* Osbourne

Siblings: Leslie Edith *Osborne* Larrabee (1913-2010); Jean Maybelle *Osbourne* Gannon (1915-1978)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: see next page

Service/occupation information: Army, 4th Armored Division , Company C, Rifle Squad under Gen. George Patton, Dec. 28, 1943 – July 27, 1945; WW II veteran; Chemist, DE Department of Agriculture, lab testing.

Officiate: Celeste O. Cox

Lot Owner: Robert E. Osbourne F, G, H, I, J

Inscription:

Robert Earle Osborne Jr.
November 7, 1919
March 2, 2008
World War II Veteran

DIMENSIONS: H 6" x W 25" x D 12"

STYLE: veteran's headstone

No repairs needed



Inventory date: April 29, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Marriage certificate retrieved from ancestry.com on January 26, 2021

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE FILE NO. 912
STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

1. PLACE OF MARRIAGE (a) COUNTY: Kent (b) CITY OR TOWN: Milford

2. DATE OF MARRIAGE: May 31 1952

GROOM
A. NAME: Robert Earle Osborne, Jr.
B. RESIDENCE: Delaware, Kent
CITY OR TOWN: Dover
C. COLOR OR RACE: white
D. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY: 25 (Date: November 1, 1927)
E. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS: Single
F. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE: 1st
G. BIRTHPLACE: New Jersey
H. USUAL OCCUPATION: Chemist, Board of Agriculture
I. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE: None

BRIDE
A. NAME: Margaret Webb
B. RESIDENCE: Delaware, Milford
CITY OR TOWN: Milford
C. COLOR OR RACE: white
D. AGE LAST BIRTHDAY: 25 (Date: July 4, 1927)
E. PREVIOUS MARITAL STATUS: Single
F. NUMBER OF THIS MARRIAGE: 1st
G. BIRTHPLACE: Delaware
H. USUAL OCCUPATION: 4-H Club Agent
I. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE: None

3. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MARRIAGE WAS LEGALLY AND VALIDLY AND IS TO BE RECORDED.
WITNESSES:
A. GROOM: Robert Earle Osborne, Jr. (Signature)
B. BRIDE: Margaret Webb (Signature)
C. OFFICIAL: [Signature]
D. WITNESSES: Cleveland Hastings, Mrs. Doris Saunders

4. WEDDING OR WITHDREW (OUT HERE THAN THREE)
A. OFFICIAL: [Signature]
B. WITNESSES: Cleveland Hastings, Mrs. Doris Saunders

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The News Journal, Wilmington, DE, Tuesday, March 4, 2008

NewsJ.Tue. 3.4.2008

Robert Earle Osborne, Jr.

Age 88, of Dover, DE died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at Kent General Hospital, Bayhealth Medical Center, Dover.

Mr. Osborne was born in Carneys Point, NJ the son of the late Robert E. and Edith (McLean) Osborne. He graduated from Penns Grove, NJ Regional High School in 1937 and the University of Delaware in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science degree in the School of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry. During World War II he served in the European Theater in the Third Army (General George Patton), 4th Armored Division, Company C, Rifle Squad and received a Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Campaign Stars and a Purple Heart. After his return, he was employed by the Delaware Agriculture Extension Service as a 4H Club agent, Kent County, Dover where he worked for two years. During this time, he met Margaret Webb who was employed there. They married May 31, 1952. He then worked for the Department of Agriculture as an analytical chemist retiring in 1981. He was one of the Ag Founders of the Agricultural Alumni Association at the University of Delaware. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Dover, where he served on the Vestry. He enjoyed wood-working, gardening, walking, bird watching and traveling with his family. Their travels have been mostly by rail across Canada, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Florida. Bob's favorite vacation spot was in Bermuda where he and Margaret have returned several times. He also volunteered for the Blood Bank. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Jean Gannon.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Margaret Webb Osborne; 2 daughters, Jean O. Simons and her husband Howard of Glenview, IL and Leslie O. McKernan and her husband Stephen, of League City, TX; 2 grandsons, 2 granddaughters and a sister Leslie Larrabee, of Cardiff by the Sea, CA.

Memorial services will be held at 11 am, on Saturday, March 8, at Christ Episcopal Church, South State and Water Streets, Dover, DE. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Christ Episcopal Church, PO Box 1374, Dover, DE 19903.

Arrangements by Lofland Funeral Home Milford DE

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE, Saturday, May 17, 1952

Plans Completed For Alice Webb's Wedding May 31

She Will Become Bride Of R. E. Osborne, Jr., In Milford

NewsJ.Sat.5.17.1952

Special to the Journal-Every Evening

MILFORD, Del., May 17.—Plans have been completed for the wedding of Miss Alice Margaret Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Webb, Milford, to Mr. Robert E. Osborne, Jr., Dover, son of Mrs. Robert E. Osborne of Penns Grove, N. J., and the late Mr. Osborne, which will take place at the Avenue Methodist Church, Milford, on Saturday, May 31, at 3 p. m.

The Rev. Roy L. Tawes will perform the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Harry Clark of Frederica will be organist and Mrs. Frank You, Milford, will be soloist.

Mrs. Owen J. Saunders of Wyoming will serve as matron of honor for the bride. Bridesmaids are Miss Kathryn Webb of Philadelphia, Miss Orpha Webb, Milford, sisters of the bride and Mrs. L. Robbins Webb, Lincoln, sister-in-law. Flower girls will be Miss Connie Webb, Lincoln, niece of the bride and Miss Cindy Gannon, Ambler, Pa., niece of the bridegroom.

Mr. Cleveland N. Hastings, Seaford, will serve as best man for the bridegroom. Ushers will be Mr. L. Robbins Webb, Lincoln, brother of the bride; Mr. Jesse Green, Jr., Penns Grove, N. J.; Mr. William Sutton, Jr., Salem, N. J., and Mr. James LeCompete, Rehoboth Beach.

A reception will be held in the social hall immediately following the ceremony.

Miss Webb, a graduate of Milford High School and University of Delaware, is employed as 4-H Club agent in Kent County. Mr. Osborne, a graduate of Penns Grove High School and the University of Delaware, is assistant chemist, State Board of Agriculture, Dover.

Showers for the bride-to-be have been given by Miss Pearl Cooper and Mrs. Hubbard Patterson; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Miss Doris Wilkens, hostess; Kent County 4-H Links, and Dover Capitol Grange.

Recollections from Bob's wife Margaret (June 23, 2021)

Margaret and Bob traveled to Quebec for their honeymoon, and traveled by train later in their lives across Canada from Montreal to Vancouver. Margaret did not like to fly due to an inner ear problem from an issue with an unpressurized plane cabin when she was young. Doris Saunders and her husband Owen were lifelong friends of Bob and Margaret, as were Cleve and artist Hastings.

One time their daughters (Jean Webb *Osborne* Simons, who lives in Illinois, has 2 daughters, and Leslie *Osborne* McKernan of Texas, 4 years younger, has 2 boys. (Leslie and her husband will be buried next to their parents in 110 G + H.) asked their father if he was scared during his time in WW II under General Patton. He said "Just once – from the first day to the last day he served."

Margaret remembers Bob as a kind and gentle man who loved children and was very skilled at telling good stories.

Margaret told me that their original burial spaces were in lot 55 next to the Richardsons (Lot 66). But in 1965 Henry Horsey insisted that those spaces belonged to him, and the Osbornes had to give them up. So Rev. Mellick Belshaw gave them 5 spaces that had recently been mapped out close to the church near the Caesar Rodney Monument (Lot 110 F-J). Then in the early 2000's Rev. Driss Knickerbocker (who had been an interim priest at Christ Church) asked if he could have space F to put his marker, as there was not enough room in 109 J, where his partner George Brown was already buried. So the Osbournes have ended up with spaces G,H, I, and J in Lot 110.

(Henry Horsey buried his aunt and uncle from Easton, MD in Lot 55, A + B (Heisler and Edith Harrington). That family buried the Harrington's son-in-law, John Mauldin Watkins, in 55 E on April 28, 2021. His wife is buried in D, and her sister Jane will be in C.)