

Veronica Blandford

- **Interviewed Diane Burkott (daughter)** *Phone interview by Kyle DeSantis*
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Branch: Army

Rank: First Lieutenant

Years of Service: 1942-1946

Locations of Service: Europe, World War II

Medals: Two Bronze Stars



Veronica J. Blandford was born on November 2, 1918 in New York City to George and Mary Koletty. She attended and graduated from the Kings County Hospital School of Nursing in Brooklyn and Pace University. Later on, Mrs. Blandford also received her Master's Degree from the State University of New York at Albany.

During World War II, Mrs. Blandford served as Nurse Anesthetist in both the European and Pacific Theaters. On one of her tours in Africa, she served with General Patton. She received two bronze stars and returned home after serving in 1946 where she married Albert M. Blandford.

After serving her country, Mrs. Blandford taught at Northern Westchester Tech in Yorktown Heights for twenty-two years while also involving herself with groups in the community. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Bernadine; a life member of both the Brewster VFW Post #672 and the Argonne Post #71 of the American Legion. She also served as a board member of the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Blandford passed away October 9, 2007 in Carmel, New York after being a Brewster resident for fifty-two years. She was 88 years old.