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b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave ([www.findagrave.org](http://www.findagrave.org))

NOK = next-of-kin

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**TUSCANIA**

**Longyear, Floyd Winans**  
**1890 NJ – 1981 AZ**



Floyd W. Longyear, 183  
Schermerhorn st.; 20th Eng.  
(Tuscania survivor.)

Floyd Winan Longyear - <https://www.fold3.com/image/604500128?terms=tuscania%20survivors>

## SHOKAN SOLDIER ON THE TUSCANIA



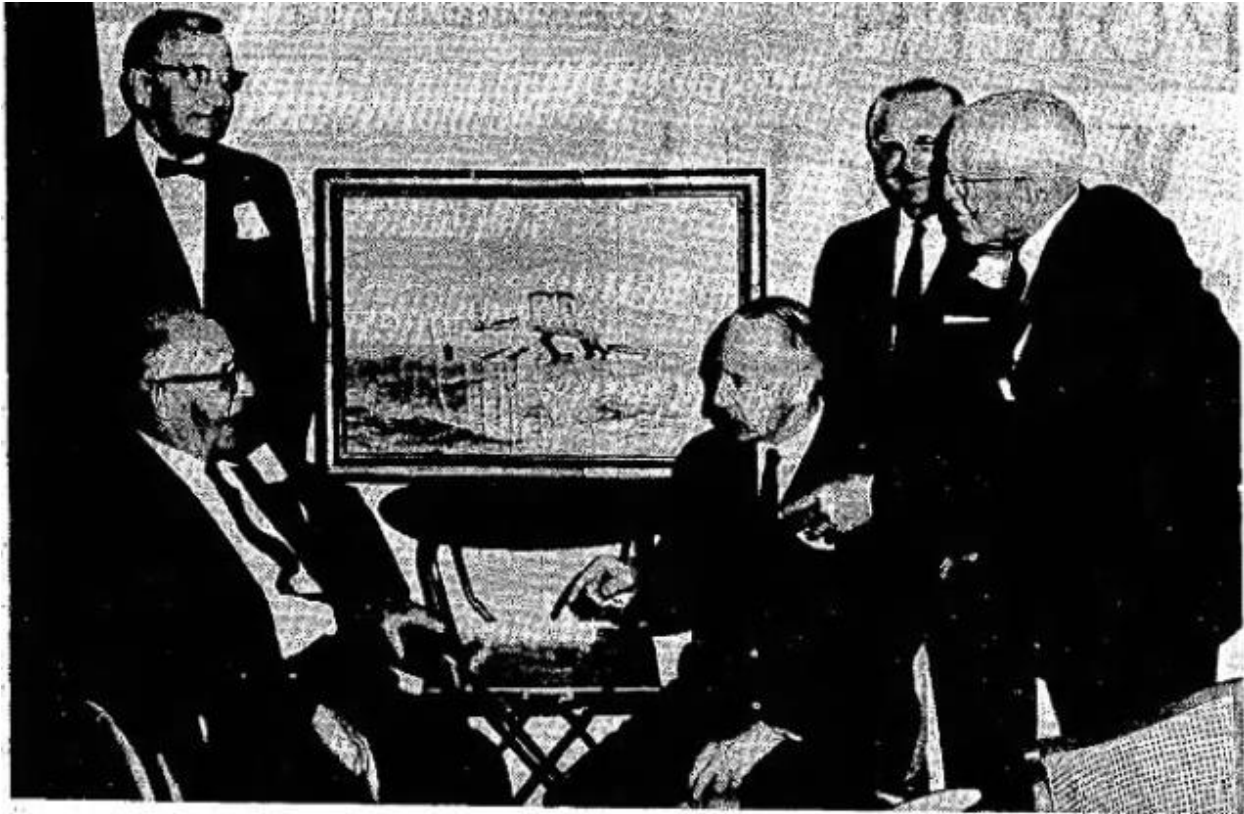
F. W. LONGYEAR.

F. W. Longyear, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Longyear of Shokan, N. Y., was one of the survivors of the Tuscania. He enlisted December 15 in the 20th Engineers. This is the Forestry regiment which was sent to France to cut and get timber ready for the trenches, railways and cantonments, etc. Mr. Longyear has had several years' experience in the lumber business having spent three years at the mills in West Virginia and North Carolina. At the time of his enlistment he was the western representative for W. M. Ritter Lumber Co., Columbus, Ohio.

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Wednesday 6 Mar 1918 p 1



Floyd Winan Longyear – "Tucson (AZ) Daily Citizen" 6 Feb 1965 p 5



—Citizen Photos by Ralph Dahme

**Five men who survived the 1918 sinking of the British ship, Tuscania stand beneath a painting of the camouflaged vessel. They are (seated, from left) Wesley L. McCalley and Floyd Longyear; standing (from left)**

**are the Rev. Harry Vanderburg, Henry Swarting and Stanley E. Hult. The painting was loaned by a fellow survivor, G. E. Wiseman of McAllen, Tex., whose daughter, Mrs. Ray Ulrud, lives in Tucson.**

By ERIC CAVALIERO

Five men who have in common only an explosive moment in their lives relived that instant here last night.

The event occurred at 5:55 p.m., Feb. 5, 1918, when a torpedo from a German submarine slammed into the British ship, *Tuscania*.

The former liner carried about 2,400 troops, many of them members of the 32nd Division of the Wisconsin National Guard en route to France as part of the American Expeditionary Force.

SOME 286 MEN died when the ship sank in the dark waters of the North Atlantic, about 20 miles off the Irish coast. The five who got together at the Desert Inn were among the rescued.

They were Stanley E. Hult, 73, of 350 N. Silverbell Road; Wesley L. McCalley, 67, of 4514 E. Water St.; Floyd Longyear, 74, of 7355 N. La Oesta Ave.; Henry Schwarting, 71, of 544½ S. 4th Ave., and the Rev. Harry Vanderburg, 71, a winter visitor from Mukwonago, Wis.

At the reunions, five different stories were told of how each withstood the torpedoing.

The veteran survivors told of men who jumped overboard and drowned; of the lifeboat

that was being lowered and tipped, spilling eight soldiers to their deaths on the deck; of the boats that smashed on the rocks after successfully getting away from the stricken ship.

AND LONGYEAR had his own terse description of the difficulties of grabbing a rope in mid-ocean.

"It was," he said, "like trying to hold a pig by the ear."

Speaking of the explosion, the former sergeant, who served with the 20th Engineers, said: "You knew it was a torpedo the minute it hit. All I recall was a big bang. It seemed as though the ship moved two feet."

Hult took up the story:

"I got into a lifeboat," he said, "and right away it flooded. We hadn't put the plugs in the drains. The lifeboat didn't sink because of its watertight compartments. It took on enough water, however, so that we were in hip-deep.

"THERE WERE roughly 70 in the boat, all standing," added the former Chicagoan, who has lived in Tucson since last October. "We floated around for about 90 minutes before a British destroyer picked us up."

McCalley rolled his wheelchair over to the table.

"I was confined in the state-room with scarlet fever and pneumonia," he said. "My stay in the water left me with bad circulation. The doctors called it Berger's Disease. I went on to fight on four different fronts. But what happened that night must have had some after-effects — I've been in this wheelchair for 36 years."

"I was down in the hold cleaning my rifle," said Schwarting. "There was quite a jolt, and then I was in the water. I couldn't swim. But when I came up for the second time someone dragged me over to a lifeboat."

"I was just a soldier," said the Rev. Mr. Vanderburg. "But even in those days they used to call me 'the preacher.'"

"I WAS KNEELING down, going through my locker. Of course, someone always has to make fun of the preacher. And one of the boys asked me if I was praying."

"No," replied the young man who had immigrated from his native Holland a few years before the war. "I'm saving one of my souvenirs. I think we're going to be torpedoed."

Just then there was "a noise like thunder." The ship had been hit.

The Rev. Mr. Vanderburg leafed through his wallet and produced a faded photograph of a girl — a younger version of the woman by his side.

"And this," he said, holding up the picture and smiling at his wife, Gertrude, "was the souvenir I saved."



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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Longyear, Floyd W                                  |                                                                                                                | 250,567                                                        | 5-26 1½ White            |
| (Surname)                                          | (Christian name)                                                                                               | (Army serial number)                                           | (Race: White or colored) |
| Residence: 183 Schemmerhorn St Brooklyn            |                                                                                                                | NEW YORK                                                       |                          |
| (Street and house number)                          |                                                                                                                | (Town or city)                                                 | (State)                  |
| * Enlisted in                                      | NA at Ft Slocum NY                                                                                             | Dec 15/17                                                      | —                        |
| † Born in                                          | Newark NJ                                                                                                      | 27 9/12 yrs                                                    | —                        |
| Organizations:                                     | 2 Rct Co Gen Serv Inf Ft Slocum NY to Jan 11/18; Co D 10 Bn 20 Engrs to Jan 30/18; Co E 6 Bn 20 Engrs to disch |                                                                |                          |
| Grades:                                            | Corp May 1/18; Sgt Aug 10/18                                                                                   |                                                                |                          |
| Engagements:                                       | —                                                                                                              |                                                                |                          |
| Wounds or other injuries received in action: None. |                                                                                                                |                                                                |                          |
| ‡ Served overseas:                                 | Jan 23/18 to May 13/19                                                                                         |                                                                |                          |
| § Hon. disch.                                      | May 27/19                                                                                                      | on demobilization                                              |                          |
| Was reported                                       | 0                                                                                                              | per cent disabled on date of discharge, in view of occupation. |                          |
| Remarks:                                           | —                                                                                                              |                                                                |                          |

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| LONGYEAR FLOYD WINAN                                                    |             | C             |
| Serg 17 Co 20 Eng                                                       |             | K             |
| 1325 Thomas St S E Grand Rapids Mich                                    |             | A 2 429 181   |
| Sn 250 567                                                              | Died        | T 487 547     |
| Born 3-14-90                                                            |             | R             |
| Enl 12-15-17                                                            | Dts 5-27-19 | Cl. 1 198 252 |
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| U. S. VETERANS BUREAU<br>MAIL AND RECORDS<br>Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1925 |             | INDEX CARD    |

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**1585.** LILLIAN JANE LONGYEAR, daughter of Rensselaer Winchell Longyear (No. 628) and Aner Elizabeth Markle, born Staten Island, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1886. On Oct. 28, 1911, she married Albert John Didier (son of Leon Didier and Anna Le Matre), who was born New York City, Nov. 8, 1881, and died Flushing, L. I., Sept. 19, 1940. She resides in Flushing, L. I. He was in the employ of the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. for twenty-five years.

Children, born New York City (surname Didier) :

- 2891. ALBERT ELLIOTT, b. July 30, 1914.
- +2892. ANNE ELIZABETH, b. July 3, 1917.
- 2893. RUTH EDNA, b. Sept. 21, 1921.

*Descendants of Jacob Longyear*

**1586.** FLOYD WINANS LONGYEAR, son of Rensselaer Winchell Longyear (No. 628) and Aner Elizabeth Markle, born Newark, N. J., Mar. 14, 1890. On June 29, 1919, Brooklyn, N. Y., he married Mida Edith Fiscofer (daughter of William Henry Fiscofer and Caroline Bolte), who was born New York City, Oct. 20, 1890. He served in the World War as sergeant 20th Engineers, survivor of the *S. S. Tuscania* which was torpedoed in the Irish Sea Feb. 5, 1918. He is a dealer in southern lumber, residing in Grand Rapids, Mich.

One child (surname Longyear) :

- 2894. EDITH ELIZABETH, b. Apr. 23, 1920.

1587. RUTH ESTELLE LONGYEAR, daughter of Rensselaer Winchell Longyear (No. 628) and Aner Elizabeth Markle, born Shokan, Ulster County, N. Y., Mar. 27, 1894. On Aug. 15, 1920, she married Arlon Newton Faulkner (son of John Newton Faulkner and Nettie Mae Whipple), who was born Boston, Mass., Oct. 9, 1892. He is a cost accountant, and they reside in Rockford, Ill.

Children (surname Faulkner):

2895. JUNE LOIS, b. May 22, 1926.

2896. JANE ANN, b. Dec. 18, 1929.

1588. EDMUND SOLOMON LONGYEAR, son of Rensselaer Winchell Longyear (No. 628) and Aner Elizabeth Markle, born Shokan, N. Y., Mar. 20, 1898, and died Rockford, Ill., Apr. 13, 1940. On Dec. 22, 1926, Minneapolis, Minn., he married Cora O. Tomten (daughter of Ole Tomten and Maria Eggen), who was born Westby, Wis., June 21, 1898. He served in the World War from July 20, 1918, to Aug. 29, 1919. They resided in Rockford, Ill., where he engaged in lumber business. They adopted a boy, called Baby Richmond, when he was five years old, and named him Robert Edmund Longyear. He was born Iowa City, Iowa, Aug. 25, 1934.

## The descendants of Jacob Longyear of Ulster County, New York

### Genealogy

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628. RENSSELAER WINCHELL LONGYEAR, son of Joseph Rogers Longyear (No. 157) and Jane Winchell, born Boiceville, Ulster County, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1855, and died Shokan, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1936. He was a farmer and operated a summer boarding house in Shokan. On July 4, 1885, Shokan, he married Aner Elizabeth Markle (daughter of Solomon C. Markle and Abigail Davis), who was born Shokan, Aug. 15, 1861.

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*Descendants of Jacob Longyear*

Children (surname Longyear) :

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- +1586. FLOYD WINANS, b. Newark, N. J., Mar. 14, 1890.
- +1587. RUTH ESTELLE, b. Shokan, N. Y., Mar. 27, 1894.
- +1588. EDMUND SOLOMON, b. Shokan, Mar. 20, 1898.
- 1589. EDNA ABIGAIL, b. Shokan, Mar. 20, 1898; twin.

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Mrs. A. J. Didier and her sister, Miss Ruth Longyear, of 183 Schermerhorn street, are greatly worried about their brother, Floyd Longyear, Sixth Battalion, Twentieth Engineers. Young Longyear's battalion went on the Tuscania in place of a battalion that had been scheduled to go, but was kept back on account of contagious diseases among its members. No word has yet been received from Longyear.

"Brooklyn (NY) Daily Eagle" Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1

**LONGYEAR, Floyd W.,** 91, died Tuesday, November 10, 1981. Survived by wife, Ione Longyear, Tucson; daughter, Mrs. Edith Smiley, KY; step-daughter, Mrs. Arthella Sanders, IL, stepsons, Charles Cadey, TX, and George Cadey, CA; three grandchildren. He was a member of Casas Adobes Congregational Church and was one of the last survivors of the S.S. Tuscania in WWI. Memorial services 2 p.m., Thursday, November 12, **ARIZONA MORTUARY UNIVERSITY CHAPEL**, (University at N. Stone).

Obituary of Floyd Winans Longyear – “Arizona Daily Star” (Tucson AZ) Wednesday 11 Nov 1981 p 64

## **LONGYEAR SAFE ACCORDING TO LIST.**

A list of survivors of the Tuscania disaster is being sent out from Washington this afternoon. No list of those lost has yet been compiled. Among the survivors, according to the official list, is Floyd W. Longyear of Shokan.

Louis Tudor of New York, a former employe of the Bostonian Waist Company of this city, is also reported among the survivors.

“Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 5

Wife:

## U. S. Clubwomen to Confer Four Days at Grand Rapids; Ex-Brooklynite a Hostess

Clubwomen representing every State in the Union, the District of Columbia and Alaska, as well as representatives of American women's clubs in foreign countries, will gather in Grand Rapids, Mich., for the biennial council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, May 30 to June 4. The hostess organization is the Grand Rapids Federation of Women's Clubs, whose

president, Mrs. F. W. Longyear, is a former Brooklynite. As Mida E. Flischer she was a teacher in P. S. 178 before her marriage, eight years ago. During the six years that she has been living in Grand Rapids she has been actively identified with its civic and club life. For two years she served as president of the Igdrasil Club, one of the oldest in the city, and in addition to being president of the Grand Rapids Federation is vice chairman of the local executive board that is planning for the entertainment of the national clubwomen.



“Brooklyn Daily Eagle” Saturday 28 May 1927 p 7 – the article continues but further text does not mention Floyd’s wife Mida

Life:



## **ONE MAN SENTENCED TO 30 DAYS, ANOTHER IS HELD; BOTH DRUNK**

Two men were arrested on charges of intoxication yesterday, one of them, Carl Hitzfield, being sentenced to 30 days on the Indiana state farm and also to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, amounting to \$40. The other, F. W. Longyear, who says he came from Grand Rapids, Mich., spent last night in the city prison. He was arrested near the Erie railroad station.

During Prohibition - "Huntington (IN) Press" Thursday 18 Feb 1926 p 1

### **FINED FOR INTOXICATION**

A man who gave his name as F. W. Longyear of Grand Rapids, Mich., was fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$40 in police court Thursday morning by Mayor Charles W. Snider on a charge of intoxication. The defendant was picked up Wednesday evening near the Erie station. He was detained in jail.

During Prohibition - "Huntington (IN) Press" Thursday 18 Feb 1926 p 1

### **PAYS \$10 AND COSTS**

F. W. Longyear of Grand Rapids, Mich., was fined \$10 and costs yesterday morning in City court on a charge of intoxication. He was arrested Wednesday evening near the Erie station.

"Huntington (IN) Press" Friday 20 Feb 1926 p 8

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Longyear of Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting at the home of Mr. Longyear's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rensselaer W. Longyear, of the old state road. The Longyears left the furniture city in their car at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and arrived in Shokan the fol-

lowing night. Floyd is one of a number of Olive war veterans who have removed to other localities.

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Monday 27 Jun 1932 p 2

Very welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill last week were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Longyear, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Longyear and Mr. Stodghill were Army buddies during World War I, and had a great time recalling past experiences. The visitor had spent the winter in Tuscon, Arizona, stopping in Rayville en route back to Michigan. They were joined during their visit here by Mrs. Stodghill's aunt, Mrs. Annie Mae Ungerecht, of Memphis, Tenn. The whole group enjoyed several courtesies during their stay, including a coffee hour given by Mrs. M. D. Stodghill, dessert coffee served by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cotton, and a shrimp supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fragala. The three visitors, accompanied by Mr. Stodghill, made a tour of the state as climax of the visit, stopping in Lafayette, New Orleans, Afton Villa, and Natchez before returning to Rayville.

Tuscania survivors Floyd Longyear & Hugh Stodghill visit – “Richland Beacon-News” (Rayville LA)  
Saturday 28 Mar 1959 p 9

Floyd Longyear, World War 1 veteran and native of Shokan, and his wife have sold their place in Michigan and are now making their home in Tucson, Ariz. Longyear for many years after leaving Shokan was at Grand Rapids, Mich. His boyhood home here on the old state road is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Watson.

“Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman” Saturday 25 Nov 1961 p 6

road. Also next week, March 14, is the natal anniversary of Floyd Longyear, War 1 veteran who for many years was connected with a Grand Rapids, Mich. lumber firm and is now making his retirement home in Arizona. Floyd's boyhood home is the present Bernard Watson place on the old state road.

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Friday 9 Mar 1962 p 5

A surprise dinner party at the home of Edna Longyear was attended by the following friends and relatives of Miss Longyear, most of whom formerly resided in the Shokan area: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Longyear, of Tucson, Ariz.; Mrs. Albert J. Didier, Flushing, L. I., the former Lillian Longyear of Shokan; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eckert, Scarsdale; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Eckert, New Fairfield, Conn.; Inez D. Corey, Philadelphia, and her daughter, Ann Corey, Spring Lake, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. George VonderOsten, Shokan.

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 14 Jul 1964 p 2

Parents:

**Mrs. Aner E. Longyear**

Mrs. Aner E. Longyear, 92, widow of Renssaeller Longyear, died today at her home in Shokan. She was born in the town of Olive and was one of the area's oldest residents. Mrs. Longyear was a member of the Shokan Reformed Church and the Ladies' Aid Society. She is survived by a son, Floyd W. Longyear, Grand Rapids, Mich., three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Didier, Flushing; Mrs. Ollie N. Faulkner, Rockford, Ill., and Miss Edna Longyear, Shokan. A grandson, four granddaughters and 11 great grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Shokan Reformed Church with the Rev. Richard Coons officiating. Burial will be in Tongore Cemetery.

Obituary of his mother Aner E. Longyear – "Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Friday 8 Jan 1954 p 2

Daughter:



**SMILEY, EDITH ELIZABETH LONGYEAR,**

of Naples, FL, entered into rest on June 13, 2015 at the age of 95.

"Edie" was born April 23, 1920 in Cambridge, MA. She graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids, MI in 1938 and the University of Michigan in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science in social work. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority serving as chapter president her senior year, and a member of the Marco Island Chapter (FL), Daughters of the American Revolution. A child of the Great Depression, after graduation Edie went to work for Muir Drug Company in Grand Rapids, MI. She was elevated to the position of regional buyer for the 33-store chain when most of the men left for World War II. She often commented on how the war changed her career path. After her marriage to Gordon Lawrence Smiley, M.D. in 1948, she devoted her life to her husband and raising their three children. An avid golfer for 80 years, Edie was Cascade Hills Country Club women's champion in 1937 and 1941 (Grand Rapids). Edie and Gordon moved to Louisville in 1954 where she was a member of the Louisville Woman's Club, DAR, Pastime Boat Club,

Audubon Country Club, and Hunting Creek Country Club. They bought a second home in Marco Island in 1979 and ultimately retired to Florida. She was an avid gardener and boater both in Louisville and Florida enjoying numerous sailing adventures with the Sailing Association of Marco Island, and was charter member of Royal Palm Country Club, Naples, FL.

Edie was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Winans Longyear, (a combat wounded Army veteran of World War I) and Mida Fischer Longyear; her husband of 58 years, Gordon Lawrence Smiley, M.D., (a World War II veteran); and son, Michael Longyear Smiley.

Edie is survived by her daughter, Caroline Smiley Maney (Judge T. Patterson "Patt" Maney); son, David Alan Smiley (Jane Walker Smiley); daughter-in-law, Josephine "Jodi" Krouse Smiley; six grandchildren, Elizabeth Lindsay Maney Funches (Michael Ross Funches), Sarah Bewlay Maney Mascarich, a Tri Delt, (John Allen Mascarich), Katherine Elizabeth Smiley, M.D, Claire Nicole Smiley, Josephine Michael Smiley, and Jakob Pierce Smiley; and six great-grandchildren, Mary Boyde Funches, Samuel Ross Funches, Michael Steele Funches, Hayley Anne Funches, Edith Elizabeth Mascarich, and Molly Todd Mascarich. A celebration of Edie's life was held in Naples.

Edie was a leader in all her endeavors and much loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. It is with great sadness we say goodbye.

Donations in Edie's memory may be made to Delta Delta Delta Scholarship Endowment/IOTA Chapter, 2331 Brookhollow Plaza Drive, Arlington, TX, 76006 or National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D St. NW, Washington, DC 20006. For online condolences visit [www.fullernaples.com](http://www.fullernaples.com).

Obituary of his daughter Edith Elizabeth Longyear Smiley – "Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal"  
Tuesday 23 Jun 2015 p A9

**SMILEY,  
GORDON LAWRENCE,  
M.D.**, 86, died Friday,  
August 18, 2006, in  
Naples, FL.

He was born November 8, 1919, in Grand Rapids, MI, son of Florence Upjohn and Verne H. Smiley. He graduated from Central High School, attended the University of Michigan and received his medical degree from University of Louisville College of Medicine. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then took a residency in neurological surgery. He opened his practice in Saginaw, MI, in August 1951. In 1954, he moved to Louisville to join another neurosurgeon in partnership. He prac-

ticed there for thirty years. While living in Louisville, he took his family on summer vacation cruises in his 38-foot Chris-Craft. They cruised the Ohio, Tennessee, Mississippi and Illinois Rivers as well as Lake Michigan. After retirement in 1982, he moved to Marco Island, FL, where he enjoyed golf and continued to be an avid boater. In Florida, he became a sailor. He and his wife, Edie, enjoyed many cruises with other sailors from Marco Island to the Bahamas, the Florida Keys, Dry Tortugas and many lovely destinations along the west coast of Florida. He was a member of the American Medical As-

sociation, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, International College of Surgeons, Collier Council of Tropical Fruit Tree Growers, Marco Island New York Times Crossword Puzzle Club, and Royal Palm Country Club in Naples. He was a past-Commodore of the Sailing Association of Marco Island (SAMI).

His parents and siblings predeceased him.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Edith (Longyear); daughters, Gail Smiley of W. Linn, OR; and Caroline S. (Patt) Maney of Shalimar, FL; sons, David Alan (Sandy) of Prospect, KY; and Michael Longyear (Jodi) of

Crestwood, KY; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.



The family will meet with Gordon's friends Sunday, August 20, 2006, from 3-5 p.m. at Fuller Funeral Home, 4735 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

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Obituary of his son-in-law Dr. Gordon Stanley Smiley (1919-2006) – “Louisville (KY) Courier-Journal” Sunday 20 Aug 2006 p B7

Siblings:



## Mrs. Didier

Mrs. Lillian Longyear Didier, 89, of California and Charlotte, died yesterday in Presbyterian Hospital.

Funeral services will be in Flushing, N.Y.

Born Aug. 22, 1886 in Staten Island, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Ransalle Longyear and Aner Markle Longyear.

Surviving are a son, Elliott Didier of Flushing, N.Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Mackay of Charlotte and Mrs. Frank Mouer of Millbrae, Calif.; a brother, Floyd Longyear of Tucson, Ariz.; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Faulkner of Fort Wautoma, Wis.; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Hankins and Whittington Funeral directors are in charge.

Obituary of sister Lillian Longyear Didier – "Charlotte (NC) News" Saturday 4 Oct 1975 p 26

## Glenford Woman Dies of Injuries After Car Mishap

Miss Edna A. Longyear, 67, of Ohayo Mt. Road, Glenford, died Friday at the Benedictine Hospital from injuries sustained in a two-car collision Aug. 9 on Route 212 about a mile west of Route 375, Woodstock.

Miss Longyear was a passenger in a car driven by Mrs. Frances L. Whiting, 62, also of Glenford, when the vehicle was involved in a collision with a car operated by Toralf Tellgfsen, 34, of Samsonville Road, Olive Bridge.

Mrs. Whiting and another passenger in her car, Linda North, 13, of Glenford were injured.

Miss Longyear was born in Shokan, the daughter of Rensselaer and Aner Markle Longyear. She was a member of the Shokan Reformed Church, the Ladies Aid Society of that church and the Clinton Chapter, 445, OES.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ruth E. Foulkner of Wautoma, Wisc. and Mrs. Lillian J. Didier of Flushing, L. I.; a brother, Floyd W. Longyear of Tucson, Ariz.; four nieces and a nephew. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at Shokan Reformed Church. The Rev. Osterhoudt Phillips will officiate. Burial will be in Tongore Cemetery, Olive Bridge. Friends may call at Fisher Funeral Home Inc., Woodstock, Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Obituary of sister Edna Abigail Longyear – “Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman” Saturday 4 Sep 1965 p 6

### Name: Floyd Winans Longyear

Name variations:

#### Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 17th/Co. E - private

Serial number: 250,567

Entered service from: Shokan, Ulster NY

Sailed on “Tuscania” as: Floyd W. Longyear

Next-of-kin on “Tuscania”: mother Mrs. A.E. Longyear, Shokan NY

Was to sail on “George Washington” on 26 Apr 1919 in Convalescent Detachment #219 Brest, France, but crossed off with note: “trans to Hosp at Brest / scratched at Brest”

Returned from war on: “Von Steuben” May 1919, “walking patients requiring no dressing”

Sailed on return ship as: Floyd W. Longyear

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: mother Mrs. E. Aner [Longyear?], Shokan NY (sgt, 17 Co., 20th Engrs)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Floyd Winan Longyear - b. 14 Mar 1890 Newark NJ; res: 349 Sheldon Ave., Grand Rapids MI. Single. Salesman for W.M. Ritter Lumber Co., Columbus OH.

Medium height & build. Registered on 26 May 1917 (before the 5 Jun 1917 national registration day).

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939 roster): 1325 Thomas St. SE, Grand Rapids MI



World War II draft registration (1942): as Floyd Winams Longyear (but signature is WINANS) - b. 14 Mar 1890 Newark NJ; res: 1325 Thomas St. SE, Grand Rapids, Kent MI. NOK Mrs. Mida Longyear, same address. Employed the The Richey, Halsted & Quick Co., Traction Building, Cincinnati OH. Height: 5'8" – 156 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Floyd Winan Longyear  
 Enlisted 15 Dec 1917  
 Discharged 27 May 1919  
 Address: 1325 Thomas St. SE, Grand Rapids MI  
 Rank/unit: sergeant, 17<sup>th</sup> Co., 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers

NY, WWI Army card

Floyd W. Longyear, serial 250567. Resident of 183 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn NY. Enlisted Ft. Slocum NY 15 Dec 1917 at age 27 years 9 months. Born Newark NY. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Bat Co Gen Serv Inf, Fort Slocum MN to 11 Jan 1918 – in Co. D, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers to 30 Jan 1918 [not accurate] – in Co. E, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Engineers to discharge. Promoted to corporal 1 May 1918 & to sergeant 10 Aug 1918. Overseas 23 Jan 1918 to 12 May 1919. Discharged 27 May 1919. 0% disabled.

#### Birth & death:

Born: 14 Mar 1890 Newark, Essex NJ

Died: 10 Nov 1981 Pima Co. AZ

Find A Grave record: 21609758 (created 3 Sep 2021) – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: unknown - no interment noted, memorial service 12 Nov 1981 "Arizona Daily Star" (Tucson AZ), 11 Nov 1981 p 64

Cemetery:

Tombstone:

Father: Rensselaer (also found as Rensseler & on his tombstone as Rensaler) Winchell Longyear, 22 Nov 1855 Boiceville, Ulster NY – 1 Feb 1936 Shokan, Ulster NY. Son of Joseph Rogers Longyear & Jane Winchell. Buried in Tongore Cemetery, Olivebridge, Ulster NY.

Find A Grave: 207847652

Mother: Aner Elizabeth Markle Longyear, 15 Aug 1861 Olive, Ulster NY – 8 Jan 1954 Shokan, Ulster NY. Daughter of Solomon Markle & Abigail Davis. Buried in Tongore Cemetery, Olivebridge, Ulster NY.

Find A Grave: 208031539

Parents' marriage: 4 Jul 1885 in Shokan, Ulster NY

Spouse: Mida Edith Fiscofer Longyear, 20 Oct 1890 NYC NY – Feb 1957 Grand Rapids, Kent MI. Daughter of William Henry Fiscofer & Caroline Bolte Fiscofer. Her mother was born 15 Mar 1864 Philadelphia PA, died 20 Jul 1938 in Grand Rapids MI. Caroline's obituary appeared in the "Brooklyn (NY) Daily Eagle" of Thursday 21 Jul 1938 p 11. Caroline was buried in Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn NY, F: 8306500. Mida was a teacher at Public School 178 in Brooklyn NY before her marriage. From 28 May to 4 Jun 1927, Mida, as president of the Grand Rapids Federation of Women's Club, was the lead host for the biennial meeting of women's clubs nationwide. Buried in Graceland Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Grand Rapids, Kent MI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 100060664

Marriage: 29 Jun 1919 Brooklyn NY. "Brooklyn (NY) Times Union" Friday 27 Jun 1919 p 9 – marriage license: Floyd Longyear, 29, 183 Schermerhorn St. & Mida Fiscofer, age 27, Decatur St.

Spouse: Iona A. Perkins Cadey Longyear, 21 Dec 1895 Grand Rapids, Kent MI – 11 Apr 1989.

Daughter of Herbert D. Perkins (F: 54840308) & Nellie Guild (F: 77701721). Her brother Charles H. Perkins Sr. (1889-1963, F: 87756149) was the co-founder of Jackson & Perkins, once the world's largest rose grower.

First married on 1 Jan 1916 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI to George Guy Cadey, b. 28 Mar 1888 Mill Creek MI, died Apr 1963 [obituary published 27 Apr 1963 in Grand Rapids MI], the son of John A. Cadey & Rachael S. Seaman. His SSN 386-10-5140. In the 1940 census they live in Grand Rapids, Kent MI with son George Jr. (19) & daughter Arthella (17).

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Child:

- Edith Elizabeth ("Edie") Longyear Smiley, 23 Apr 1920 Cambridge, Middlesex MA – 13 Jun 2015 Naples, Collier FL. Graduate of Ottawa Hills High School (Grand Rapids MI) in 1938 & of U of MI in 1942, with a B.S. degree in social work. Member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Wife of Dr. Gordon Lawrence Smiley (1919 MI – 2006 FL), the son of Verne Homer Smiley & Florence B. Upjohn. He has a memorial plaque in Marco Island Cemetery, Marco, Collier FL, F: 118642530. Her body was cremated; burial place unknown. F: 147961803

Stepchildren: from his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Iona Perkins' marriage to George Guy Cadey:

- Charles Ray Cadey, 1 Aug 1917 Grand Rapids, Kent MI – 6 Oct 2007 Boston, Suffolk MA. SSN 386-10-5139. On his 1942 WWII draft registration, he lived in Grand Rapids, Kent MI & worked for Jackson & Perkins (his uncle's rose business). Resident of TX when Floyd died in Nov 1981.
- George Cadey Jr., 28 Jul 1920 Detroit, Wayne MI – 8 Mar 1966 Orange Co. CA. Resident of CA when Floyd died in Nov 1981. Husband of Lolita K. Anderson whom he married 2 Jun 1945 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI. Not on Find A Grave as of 3 Sep 2021.
- Arthella May Cady Burtt Sanders, 4 May 1922 Grand Rapids, Kent MI – Oct 1992. SSN 385-14-4411. Married on 18 Jun 1943 in Highlands Co. FL to William Seymour Burtt. Married on 20 Jul 1946 in Grand Rapids, Kent MI to John H. Sanders. Resident of IL when Floyd died in Nov 1981.

Siblings: Floyd was the 2<sup>nd</sup> child.

- Lillian (Lilian on tombstone) Jane Longyear Didier, 22 Aug 1886 Staten Island, Richmond Co. (Staten Island) NY – 3 Oct 1975 Charlotte, Mecklenburg NC. Wife of Albert John Didier (1881-1940) whom she married in 1911. Albert was the son of Leon Didier & Anna Le Matre. Buried in Flushing Cemetery, Flushing, Queens NY. F: 198514771
- Ruth Estelle Longyear Faulkner, 27 Mar 1894 Shokan, Ulster NY – 2 Sep 1982 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI. Wife of Ollie Newton Faulkner (1892-1962), whom she married 15 Aug 1920. His name also found as Arlon Newton Faulkner. Buried in Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery, Rockford, Winnebago IL. F: 192671841

- Edmund Solomon Longyear, 20 Mar 1898 Shokan, Ulster NY – 13 Apr 1940 Rockford, Winnebago IL. Twin of Edna Abigail. Married 22 Dec 1926 in Minneapolis, Hennepin MN to Cora O. Tomten (1898-1966). They adopted a son when he was 5 years old: Robert Edmund Longyear (1934-2013). Buried in Tongore Cemetery, Olivebridge, Ulster NY. F: 207848052
- Edna Abigail Longyear, 20 Mar 1898 Shokan, Ulster NY – 3 Sep 1965 Kingston, Ulster NY. Twin of Edmund Solomon Longyear. Died of injuries received in a two-car collision on 9 Aug 1965. Buried in Tongore Cemetery, Olivebridge, Ulster NY. F: 2080021049

Notes:

Pre-war:

Baptized at Church of Shokan NY on 29 Jul 1893.

Wartime:

"New York Tribune" 8 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the men from NY aboard Tuscania: Floyd W. Longyear, private, mother Mrs. A.E. Longyear of Shokan [sic] NY.

"NY Herald" 9 Feb 1918 - lived with sisters Mrs. A.J. Didier & Miss Ruth Longyear at 183 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn NY

His daughter's obituary says Floyd was wounded in WWI. He did miss the 1<sup>st</sup> ship home because he had to be taken to the hospital at Brest, France. He returned as a "walking" patient.

Post-war:

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 3 Sep 1940 p 3 – Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Longyear & daughter of Grand Rapids MI visited Mrs. Aner Longyear [mother] & Miss Edna Longyear [sister].

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 13 Mar 1951 p 6 – it is the birthday on Wednesday [14 May] of Shokan NY native Floyd Longyear, WWI veteran, who has been a Grand Rapids MI resident many years. He is the next-to-the-oldest of the 4 [i.e. 5] children of Aner Longyear of the old state road.

"Kingston (NY) Daily Freeman" Tuesday 27 May 1952 p 5 – Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Longyear [wife Mida] of Grand Rapids MI visited last week with his mother Mrs. R.W. Longyear of the old state road. Floyd was a Shokan NY WWI veteran, with an "engineering outfit." He has lived in the Furniture City for many years.

"Richland (LA) Beacon-News" (Rayville LA) Saturday 9 Apr 1960 p 5 – Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Longyear [wife Iona] of Grand Rapids MI & Tucson AZ returned home last week after being guests of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Stodghill [fellow Tuscania survivor].

"Tucson Daily Citizen" 6 Feb 1965 p 5 – photo with other Tuscania survivors - age 74, 7355 N. La Oesta St., Tucson, grabbing a rope mid-ocean hard, "It was like trying to hold a pig by the ear." Ship moved 2 feet when hit.

Obituary:

"Arizona Daily Star" (Tucson AZ), 11 Nov 1981 p 64, d. age 91, wife lone, daughter, 3 stepchildren (surname Cadey), 1 of last survivors of Tuscania

Social Security number: 287-10-7785

#### Censuses:

1900 Olive, Ulster NY

Ransler Longyear, 44 NY, Nov 1855, parents b. NY, married 14 years, farmer

Hannah E., 38 NY, Aug 1861, parents b. NY, gave birth to 5 children, 5 are living

Lilyian J., 13 NY, Aug 1886, at school

Lloyde, 10 NY, Mar 1890, at school [i.e. Floyd]

Ruth, 6 NY, Mar 1894, at school

Edwin, 2 NY, Mar 1898 [identified as a son, but should be daughter - the name is written over & may be the correct EDNA]

Edmund, 2 NY, Mar 1898 [identified as a daughter; this should be son Edmund]

1905 NY state census – Olive, Ulster NY

Ranslaer Longyear, 49, farmer

Annie, 44, housework

Floyd, 15, 8 months school

Ruth, 11, 8 months school

Edmund, 7, 8 months school

Edna, 7, 8 months school

1920 Boston, Suffolk MA – 330 Hemenway St.

Floyd W. Longyear, 25 NJ, parents b. NY, salesman, lumber

Mida, 28 NY, parents b. NY [wife

& lodger DCecelie K. Power, 29 Ireland, manager, restaurant

1930 Grand Rapids, Kent MI – 1325 Thomas St. SE

Floyd Longyear, 40 NJ, parents b. NY, age 30 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage, commercial traveler, lumber, WWI veteran

Mida E., 35 NY, father b. NY, mother b. PA, age 25 at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage

Edith, 9 MA

1940 Grand Rapids, Kent MI – 1325 Thomas St. – same house in 1935 [indexed as Loneneear]

Floyd W. Longyear, 50 NJ, salesman, wholesale lumber

Mida E., 45 NY

Edith E., 19 MA