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**1 LT Bertrand C. Wulf  
Class 57-43**

**ID: 01179689**

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**

**Hometown: Boone County, IA**

**Status: KIA April 3, 1945**



**Killed in action serving as a liaison pilot and observer with the  
66th Armored Field Artillery Battalion**

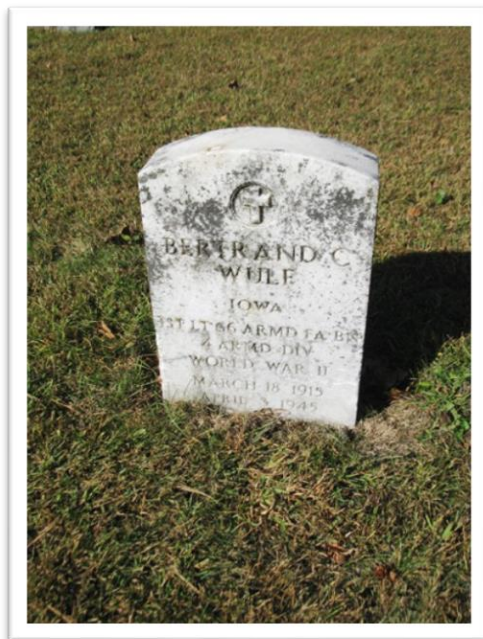


The funeral service for First Lt Bertrand C. Wulf was held on Wednesday afternoon, May 11, at 2 p.m. in the Schroeder Funeral Home. The Rev. A.M. Clarke and the Rev J. Stewart Brown were in charge of the service. Burial was in Linwood Park cemetery and after the committal; military rites were held, conducted by the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lt Bertrand C. Wulf was born on March 18, 1915 in Boone. As a child he attended the Lutheran church and was confirmed. He attended high school and Junior college in Boone and later became connected with the McKinney School of Music in Peoria, Ill. In the meantime, he was converted in the First Baptist Church of Minneapolis and attended there and in Slayton, Minn.

He entered the service of his country in March 1942, and became an officer after attending various military schools. On March 28, 1942 he was married to Gladys Johnson of Slayton, Minn. After liaison pilot training he was sent to the European theater of war. He was awarded the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and had 300 missions to his credit. He was killed in action April 3, 1945, near Gotha, Germany, at the age of 30 years and 15 days.

He was awarded posthumously the Distinguished Flying Cross, the citation reading in part: "For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a liaison pilot and observer, Headquarters Battery, 66th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, on Nov 13, 1944, 1st Lt Wulf voluntarily took off in extremely adverse weather to determine the strength and disposition of enemy forces which had cut off leading elements of an armored infantry column. Flying at very low altitude, he was subjected to heavy fire from the enemy ground forces. He returned, landed beside the advance elements of the column, and gave the vital information to the commander. On the basis of this information the commander was able to reorganize his forces, disperse the enemy strong point, and consolidate his column, thus turning imminent defeat into victory. First Lieutenants Wulf's extreme heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.



*Buried in Linwood Park Cemetery, Boone, Iowa*