



Fletcher Byron Hinote and Marian Roberta Mixon

## **FLETCHER BYRON HINOTE**

**Apr. 26, 1922 - Living**

Fletcher Byron Hinote was born April 26, 1922 in Bagdad, Fl. He was the son of James Henry Hinote and Annie Mae Cooper.

Marion Roberta (Bobbie) Mixon was born April 30, 1928, the daughter of Theodore Roosevelt Mixon and Clarise Gates.

Fletcher's family moved to Ensley in Pensacola about 1927. He went to Ensley School and also to Tate High School. The family moved into Pensacola and he graduated from Pensacola High School in 1941. After graduation he went to work for the L&N railroad in Pensacola where he worked for about a year. He was drafted into the Army in 1942 and sent first to Norfolk, Va. and then to Casa Blanca in Africa for training. He was then sent to Naples, Italy where they were engaged in fighting the Germans. He was a Runner (messenger). While there he was wounded twice. A sniper shot him in the right arm and he caught shrapnel in the left arm. He received a Purple Heart and a cluster for these. He also received a Silver Star for capturing some Germans by himself. He was promoted to Staff Sergeant.

After the war he volunteered to remain in Italy to guard prisoners until they could be transported home. There were no fences around the compound, only barracks to house the prisoners. None tried to escape because it would be foolish to be shot when they would be back home in a few weeks. Fletcher said that they would go to town and buy Cognac for ten dollars a bottle and sell it to the prisoners for sixty dollars a bottle. Trouble was that they were only allowed to bring home a small amount of money so most of it was spent foolishly in Italy. When he was discharged and returned home he returned to work with the L&N railroad.

While visiting a friend he spotted a picture of Bobbie. He asked about her and if he could be introduced to her. He was introduced to her; they started dating and were married May 22, 1947.

Bobbie was content to be a homemaker and to raise their family. She is an excellent cook. Thanks to her constant attention to her children they all grew up to be model citizens and all are avid churchgoers. Their children are Janet Marcia, John Andrew, Robin Byron, Paul Benjamin and Rebecca Louise Hinote.

Fletcher and Bobbie are active members of the Scenic Hills Church of Christ in Pensacola.

Fletcher, at age 80, runs errands for the "Senior Citizens" in his neighborhood. He always plants a garden and has plenty for his friends.

*Written by: Jimmie Leonard Brock, nephew of Fletcher Byron Hinote.  
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