# Floyd Arthur Wells
## Killed in Action ~ USS Arizona ~ December 7, 1941

Floyd Arthur Wells, a native son of North Dakota, made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation by the giving his life during WWII.

Floyd was born at Cavalier, North Dakota, to Earl and Edna Wells on April 18, 1917. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1938, just a few years after graduating from high school in Fairdale.

He served on the U.S.S. Arizona as a radioman until his death on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, and he was killed in action.

Nearly 1200 Sailors and Marines on board the USS Arizona, many of whom are still entombed in the ship at the bottom of Pearl Harbor, were killed as a result of the attack. At the time, the Navy was unable to identify the remains of some of those recovered because of the severity of their wounds, and they were buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Although it was believed that Floyd went down with the ship, it was determined, based upon DNA and other historical evidence, that the previously unidentifiable remains of one sailor interred in the National Memorial Cemetery were that of Floyd Wells. His remains were returned to North Dakota, and he was buried among other brave military men and women at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery at Mandan, North Dakota, on October 1. 2019, at 1:00 p.m. with full military honors.

Not only was Floyd a patriot and hero; he was also an outstanding student and athlete. He generously sent military pay home for his brother's education.

His nieces & nephews revere him: Floyd was not able to enjoy the good life like the rest of us. Instead, answering the call to duty and service to this great country, Floyd and other members of his deceased military family gave their lives so the rest of us could live our dreams in a free and democratic society. He would be glad that we have not forgotten the sacrifices he and many others have made in service to the United States.