

Edward L Short, Jr was born on January 4, 1925, in Altoona, PA to parents Edward L, Sr. and Hilda (Swope). Just after turning 18, while still attending Altoona High School, Edward was inducted into the United States Armed Services in 1943. Edward served in the 314th Infantry, Company A, as an anti-tank gunner and a bazooka expert/MI rifle marksman. He entered the European Theater on Normandy Beach in Northern France. In France he was taken by the German Military and was held as a prisoner of war for nine months, until being liberated by the American Forces.

In September of 1956, Edward re-enlisted to the Korean conflict serving in the Criminal Intelligence Division (CID) as Chief Warrant Officer 2. In January 1966, Edward retired after 23 years of service.

While serving his country, Edward was highly decorated and earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, European African Mideastern Campaign Medal/W-2 Bronze Stars, WWII Victory Ribbon, Korean Service Medal. Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, UN Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Accommodation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, and a Good Conduct Medal Third Award.

After Edward retired from the United States military, he was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where he held positions of Criminal Investigator and the Assistant Director of Investigations with the Department of Auditor General, he also held positions as a Senate Appropriations Investigator and Director of Investigations with the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, retiring with 21 years of state service.

Edward was married to Vina Mae (also of Altoona, PA), they eventually came to live in Mt Holly Springs. Edward and his wife together, had 4 children, and 8 grandchildren.

Edward passed away in May 2005 at the age of 80. Edward was a proud veteran of World War II and Korea, and always quoted “Old soldiers never die they just fade away.”