

WWI Snapshot: Hildur Sorensen, 1886-1960

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Hildur Sorensen was born in Southport in 1886. His parents, Oscar and Mary, immigrated separately from Denmark, married and by 1880 had settled in Southport.

Surfman Sorensen's NC World War I Service Card shows he joined the Coast Guard in 1916, but a 1905 Register of Civil, Military and Naval Service in Ancestry shows it may have been earlier. Earlier military service is not always included in the WWI Service Cards.

An article published in "Legion Notes" on page 2 of Annapolis Capital on Sept. 17, 1942, lists his length of service in the Coast Guard at that time as 33 years. His obituary states that he served in both World War I and World War II and retired from the Coast Guard. Hildur eventually moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he died on Nov. 1, 1960.

An obituary published in

the Nov. 2, 1960, edition of the Fort Lauderdale News, Fla., provides more information about Sorensen, who had 13 grandchildren and a direct connection to Brunswick County.

Hildur Sorensen obituary
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Surviving is his widow, Olive; two sons, Bryan, Greensboro, N.C., Robert, Newport News, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Collinson, Ft. Lauderdale, Mrs. Rudy York, Mrs. Leonard Wade, both of Baltimore; one brother and 13 grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Fannin Funeral Home between 3-10 p.m. today.

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Hildur Sorensen was laid to rest in Glen Burnie, Md.

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Photos contributed

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Pictured is the flat marker of Sorensen, a Southport native.

Name SORENSEN-HILDUR		Service Number U.S COAST GUARD	
Enlistment XXXX COAST GUARD STATION-193		Date 8-5-16	
Age at Entrance 30 YR. 5 MO.		Rate SURFMAN	
Home address - - - - -		Town SOUTHPORT	
County Brunswick		State NORTH CAROLINA	
Served at		From To	
COAST GUARD STATION	1 YR-7 MO-6 DAYS	SURFMAN	1 YR.-7 MO. 6 DAYS
193			
Remarks:			
Date	Discharge	Rating at Discharge	
Place	Inactive Duty		

Hildur Sorensen North Carolina Service Card