

# BROOKLYN\_BORN

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## On April 6, 1917 TWO baby boys were born.

*Saturday, April 06, 2013*

One was the 7th of 9 children born to recent Lithuanian immigrants in the coal region of northeastern PA. The other was the 13th of 15 children born to a family whose ancestors had lived in rural VA for over 150 years.

That was also the day that the USA entered WWI.

The boys grew up in different environments, living very different lives although both weathered the depression and fought in WWII.

Both married, raised children and were blessed with grandchildren. Each saw their oldest grandchild go off to study at Virginia Tech where they met and married one year after graduation.

On April 6, 1997 these two men from diverse backgrounds celebrated their 80th birthday together. Besides a common birthdate, they now they shared a new great-grandson.



My Dad (Papa Frank) is on the left. My SIL's grandfather (Grandpa Dee) is on the right. That was a happy day.

We discovered that the new baby's parents had a lot in common too. They were born exactly 9 months apart while their fathers were both stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia before being shipped overseas. Neither was aware of the other.

Both babies were given engraved silver cups, traditional gifts from the army units at Fort Eustis. Now this matched set is displayed in their kitchen.

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Happy 96th birthday, Papa Frank and Grandpa Dee.  
You never anticipated how your paths would cross. We miss you.

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What a special story, it sent chills down my arms. How blest you all were to know these two men, with such amazing ties.



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