

Walter August William Lueth - United States Navy, WW II

served on the light cruiser *USS Juneau*, CL-52.

died with the five Sullivan brothers in the sinking of the *Juneau* by a Japanese submarine during a lull in the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal
body not recovered

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Please be skeptical of these charts – there are some mistakes in the web material for this family.

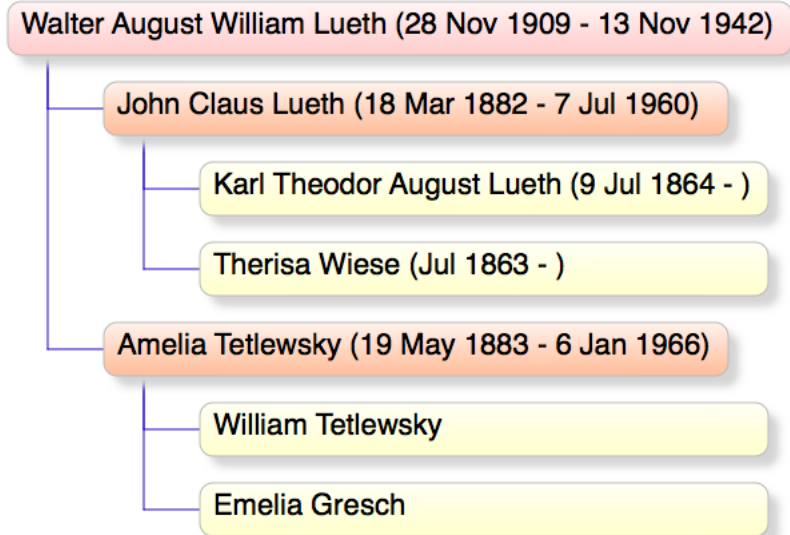
Walter Lueth was serving in the United States Marine Corps in the 1930 census. In the 1930s, he joined the United States Navy. He served on the USS Maury (DD-201), a destroyer based in Pearl Harbor in the late 1930s. On 14 Feb 1942, he joined the crew of the USS Juneau (CL52), a newly commissioned light cruiser designed, along with its fellow ship, the USS Atlanta, for fleet antiaircraft defense.

About Walter Lueth's family:

- Walter's father was a long-term employee of the H. Sieffert Lumber Yard in Avoca, having been foreman at the brickyard in northeast Avoca in the early 20th century. Before dying, Walter's parents moved to northwestern Mississippi, where they are buried.
- Walter's paternal grandparents were born and raised in northern Germany and moved to Avoca after marrying in Minden, Iowa in 1884. They had ten children. Between 1905 and 1910 they moved from Avoca to Sedgwick County in northeastern Colorado with their younger children.
- It is possible that the Lueth family is related to the Luth family who still have descendants in the Avoca area, the original German spelling having been Lütt or Lüth.
- The correct spelling for Walter's mother's maiden name is unknown.

Juneau survivors remained in the water for several days until rescue efforts began. This foreshadowed a later incident in July 1945 when *USS Indianapolis* survivors also remained in the water for days before they were discovered and rescued.

Walter Lueth, his parents and grandparents:



The parents and siblings of Walter Lueth:

John Claus Lueth (18 Mar 1882 - 7 Jul 1960)
& Amelia Tetlewsky (19 May 1883 - 6 Jan 1966)
m. 16 Feb 1908, South Omaha, Douglas Co., NE

Walter August William Lueth (28 Nov 1909 - 13 Nov 1942)

Otto C. Lueth (abt 1912 - 7 Apr 1996)
& Beulah Buras (4 Jul 1915 - 11 Mar 1995)

Wilma Margaret Lueth (30 Dec 1915 - 16 Jun 2001)
& David Stevens

Gertrude L. Lueth (11 Apr 1921 - 16 Apr 1976)
& Frank Thompson Egli (15 Feb 1914 - 13 Mar 1992)

Robert John Lueth (31 Mar 1924 - 28 Sep 1999)
& Rose Marie Hulse
m. 21 Dec 1948, Sedgwick Co., CO