

## Kenneth James Harvey



Staff Sergeant , Royal Engineers

Service number +

Died on 27 August 1946 Age 30

Remembered with Honour Standon (St. Mary) Churchyard

Inscription 'Thy will be done'

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2933105/KENNETH%20JAMES%20HARVEY/>

Son of James ( born 21 September 1894 ) and Nellie (nee Geeson, born 11 June 1893) Harvey, whose marriage was registered in the Nottingham Registration District in 1914 in the September quarter of that year.

Their children were

- Gwendoline A born 14 November 1914.
- **Kenneth born 6 March 1916**
- Leonard born 20 April 1920
- Jack born 26 October 1920
- Hubert Born 28 February 1923
- Raymond A born in the June quarter of 1928, and died in 1929 (registered in the September quarter of that year.
- Derek born 21 September 1930
- John W born in the September quarter of 1940.

Their eldest son Kenneth James on the 1939 register is recorded as being an Electrician's apprentice. The family were at this time residing at 49 Conway Road Gedling.



Kenneth enlisted in January 1940, and was in the Royal Engineers, at first being posted to Melbourne Derbyshire. He married Elizabeth Margaret Monk from Standon Hertfordshire, (marriage registered in the Derby registration district in the December quarter of 1941

They had two children James K, birth registered in the Ware registration district in the March quarter of 1942 and Joyce M. birth also registered in the Ware RD in the March quarter of 1943.

Around 1945 Kenneth was admitted to the Worksop hospital with TB. It was expected that he would recover, but possibly he did not.

Kenneth died on 27 August 1946 aged 30 and is buried in the churchyard of St Mary's Church Standon. Hertfordshire.

There is a photograph of the churchyard and Kenneth Harvey's Memorial on the website

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/80748808/kenneth-james-harvey>

There is an article about the family in the South Notts Echo 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1945 giving details of Jack, Kenneth and Leonard Harvey plus their brother in Law Sam Atkinson (married to Gwendoline Harvey)

## THREE SONS SERVING

Brother Finds Brother  
Asleep In  
Ambulance In Syria

CARLTON MOTHER'S PROUD  
RECORD

MRS. HARVEY, who resides at 49, Conway-road, Carlton, appeared to be disappointed when one of our reporters knocked at the door of her house this week. She was expecting another caller—a telegraph boy, with a message from her youngest son Jack, who is on his way home from Burma.

Mrs. Harvey is yet another Carlton mother with the proud record of three sons and a son-in-law serving in the Forces.

Jack Harvey is a sapper in the Royal Engineers. He joined the Forces four years ago, and after a year's training was posted abroad. He



JACK HARVEY

has now been transferred to the India Command, and in a letter to his mother mentioned he was expecting to be back home shortly.

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diagnosed. Recent developments in research about this disease make it clear that recovery is practically certain when it is detected in the early stages, however, and many friends in Carlton will join in wishing Sergt. Harvey a quick return to normal health.

Ken joined the Forces in January, 1940, and since that date has been kept in this country, mostly at Melbourne in Derbyshire. He married a Hertfordshire girl (Miss Margaret Monks, of Sandon, near Ware) and they have two children.

Len is the second son, and is serving in the Middle East. He was posted overseas three years ago, after a two-years' stay in the British Isles. The R.A.S.C. is Len's corps, and he is an ambulance driver. He married

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L. W. HARVEY

Miss Diana Saller, a Devon girl, at Gedling in 1941, and it was this marriage that, in a roundabout way, brought about a meeting between Len and his brother-in-law (Sam Atkinson) a year ago.

Both Len and Sam were at that time stationed in Syria, and although each knew the other was in the district they found it difficult to get in contact until Sam remembered that



SAM ATKINSON

Len had the word "Diane" painted on the front of his ambulance. He searched for a truck bearing this description, and eventually found it drawn up by the roadside with Len inside asleep. So the two were able to enjoy a week-end together.

Sam is the husband of Gwendoline  
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Harvey, whom he married in 1938. He has been in the R.A.O.C. for three years, two of which he spent abroad. The three brothers seem to have made a habit of sticking together as much as possible, for not only were they all born in the same street in Netherfield and attended the same school (Chandos-street), but Len and Ken both joined the Army on the same day, January 2, 1940.