

## **Pfc Yoshito Noritake**

February 16, 1921 - October 16, 1944



Yoshito Noritake was born February 16, 1921 in Seattle, Washington to Teiichiro and Kotsuru Noritake. Brother of Suyo Noritake, Miyeko (Mickey) Uno, Yasuko (Donna) Tsuboi and Pat (Tatsumi) Uno. He graduated from Cleveland High School with a GPA of 4.0.

Noritake (SN 39913337) volunteered for military service from the Minidoka Relocation Center in March, 1943. He was a member of the original 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team combat trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

He served in Company B, 100th Battalion, 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team in the Italian and French Campaign.

He was awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, American Theatre Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Service Medal and

the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc Yoshito Noritake was killed in action near Bruyeres, France on October 16, 1944.

He is buried at the Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery in Seattle, Washington.

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