

# Pvt George M. Shimada

*Born 1920 - April 5, 1945*



Pvt George M. Shimada (ASN 37365179) was killed in Italy on April 5, 1945. George M. Shimada, a native of Colorado, was born in 1920 to S. Shimada of Greeley. George Shimada was a resident of Weld County, Colorado and married Grace Hisako when he was inducted into the army on August 23, 1944 at Ft Logan, Colorado. George and Grace Shimada later became the proud parents of Jimmie Shimada. Prior to his induction into the Army, George Shimada had attended 1 year of college and had been employed as an automobile serviceman.

Pvt George M. Shimada was assigned to the famous all-Nisei unit of the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, Company C. On April 5, 1945, after an all-night climb of a 3,000-foot mountain face with full fighting gear the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team attacked the well-fortified Georgia hill at 0500. By 0532, the surprise attack by the 100<sup>th</sup>/442<sup>nd</sup> had succeeded in pushing the Germans off their established defense that had withstood five months of Allied assault. The Germans retaliated in a counterattack, sending murderous mortar and artillery fire and making the Nisei unit pay a massive amount for their victory with 20 Nisei dead and 123 wounded. Pvt George M. Shimada was one of these brave men that died for their country near Seraezzo, Italy.

Pvt George M. Shimada was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

His wife, Mrs Grace Hisako Shimada and son, Jimmie and his father, Mr. S. Shimada of Greeley survived Pvt. George M. Shimada. His body is buried in Greeley, Colorado.