



## Walter Leo Kelly

Walter Kelly was born on July 8, 1891 in Lakeville, Minnesota to Michael Joseph Kelly (1857-1921) and Bridget E Derham Kelly (1859-1922). His father was a farmer and a painter. Walter had two brothers that also served in WWI. Francis, his twin and William.

He was working as a mail carrier in Lakeville on June 5, 1917 when he registered for the draft there. He enlisted in the US Army Student Training Corps (SATC) at Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota on September 19, 1918. During WWI, Dunwoody trained 8,683 men for military mechanical and technical positions including courses in radio telegraphy and aviation mechanics. Students were required to live and take all meals on campus. The men were all considered officially

enlisted on the date they entered. It took several months to build these programs to meet the Army requirements. When they were finally ready in October of 1918 the war abruptly ended on November 11th and orders were received to close all of the programs across the county, including Dunwoody. Walter was released on December 14, 1918.

He returned to Lakeville and worked as a store clerk for a short time. He married Lilian Skolly on June 14, 1921. They made their home in Minneapolis where Walter found work as a painter and then as a Life Insurance Agent for Mutual Life of New York. Walter and Lilian had three children. At some point he moved to Hillside, Illinois where he died on August 29, 1961. He is buried at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery there.