



Vern Ira Musick, Sr., a son of Louis Musick and Effe Leona Dawson, was born May 2, 1913, in Jefferson City, Missouri. He moved west and to Park City, Utah. He married Nelda Gines on May 31, 1934.

He enlisted in the army on December 6, 1943 and then transferred to the Marine Corps. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division. A search of the records did not result in finding whether he was a member of the 1st, 5th, or 7th marine regiments that were assigned to the Division. He was part of the invasion of Okinawa and was killed on May 26, 1945.

At the time of his death, he was survived by his wife along with a son, Vern Ira Musick, Jr. and two sisters, Carolyn and Marilyn.

He was buried in the 1st Marine Division Cemetery on Okinawa and his body was returned home and buried in the Sante Fe National Cemetery on March 22, 1949.

The 1st Marine Division was activated on February 1, 1949, at Buatanamo Bay, Cuba. It was the first division in Marine Corp history. The major engagements that the Division participated in during World War II were Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa. The colors; red, white and blue; of the division patch are the National Colors. The stars represent the Southern Cross, and the "1" designates the division. The word "Guadalcanal" represents the Division's first major engagement.