

## Robert Spouse



It seems fitting that a record of some of the Burnmouth men who fought and died for their country should appear on this page. These accounts will be in no particular order.

On the Ayton War Memorial are the names of casualties from both World Wars and a good proportion of them were from Burnmouth. If you have any stories or photographs of your Burnmouth ancestors who died in the service of their country they would be welcomed.

The first story is that of Robert Spouse, son of William Spouse and Grace Aitchison.

Robert was born 4/3/1912. He served as an Able Bodied Seaman on HMS Rosemonde. The Rosemonde was originally a French steam trawler from Boulogne. She was requisitioned by the Royal Navy in 1940 and converted to an A/S trawler. In January 1942 the Rosemonde was escorting two merchant ships bound for Alexandria but lost them in stormy weather. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1942 a U boat reported that it had attacked an armed trawler north east of the Azores. By the time this was known the Rosemonde had been reported missing for a week so it was clear that the Rosemonde had been sunk in this attack. There were seven men on board and no survivors. Robert's death was registered as 22/1/1942 but the 19<sup>th</sup> is more likely to be correct. He was 29.

SPOUSE Abraham	C/IX 24962	R.N.	A/Ldg. Stoker	H.M.S. PHOENIX	21. 9.15	Burnmouth, Berwick- shire	21. 7.40	2	At Sea
SPOUSE Robert	LT/JX 211070	R.N.P.S.	Seaman	H.M.S. ROSEMONDE	14. 3.12	Burnmouth, Berwick- shire	22. 1.42	2	At Sea

Just above Robert's name in the Minor Records is that of his brother Abraham.

Robert's name is on the Ayton War Memorial. It is also on the Lowestoft Naval Memorial.

In Memory of  
Seaman ROBERT SPOUSE

**LT/JX 211070, H.M. Trawler Rosemonde., Royal Naval Patrol Service  
who died age 29  
on 22 January 1942**

**Son of William and Grace Spouse, of Burnmouth, Berwickshire.**

**Remembered with honour**

**LOWESTOFT NAVAL MEMORIAL**



