

GROTZ-RIVETTI

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Harold Grotz and **Lillian Rivetti** lived in the same apartment building at 1434 Second Avenue, Manhattan, New York in 1925. On June 25, 1927 in Manhattan they married.¹ **Harold Grotz** and his wife **Lillian (Rivetti) Grotz** rented a house in Baychester at **2200 Palmer Avenue** in 1930. Harold was a chauffeur for a dynamite company.² That probably means he was a driver for the Ditmars Dynamite Company, which was situated in Baychester. Ditmars had a storage facility on Palmer Avenue, and the intersection with Stillwell Avenue.

In early 1930's **Harold Grotz** built a new house across the street at **2205 Palmer Avenue**.³ Harold and Lillian continued to live at 2205 Palmer Avenue in Baychester until about 1960 when they moved to be near their daughter, **Nancy**, who had married **A. Tanner Scofield, III** in 1957 and then moved to Florida shortly after marriage due to Tanner's job.⁴ Nancy and Tanner Scofield had a son, Tanner IV, who died at the age of 20. Shortly after that, Nancy and Tanner were divorced. Each remarried.

Harold Grotz was born on August 4, 1906 in Manhattan, New York, son of **August Grotz** and **Millie Beasterci**.⁵ His father August emigrated from Germany. His mother Millie was born in New York, the daughter of Hungarian and Czechoslovakian parents. Harold was the second of four children, only two of which lived to adulthood.

In 1940, Harold's sister **Gertrude (Grotz) Meyer** lived across the street at 2195 Palmer Avenue, Baychester, Bronx, NY, with her husband **Henry Meyer**, just before Henry died.

Harold died September 20, 1986 in Seminole, Florida and is buried with his wife Lillian in Chapel Hill Cemetery in Orlando, Florida.⁶

¹ "New York, New York City Marriage Records, 1829-1940," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/24WC-Z7P> : 10 February 2018), Harold Grotz and Lillian Rivetti, 25 Jun 1927; citing Marriage, Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, New York City Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,653,140.

² "United States Census, 1930," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/X767-L8J> : accessed 1 May 2018), Harold Grotz, Bronx (Districts 751-972), Bronx, New York, United States; citing enumeration district (ED) ED 865, sheet 1A, line 3, family 2, NARA microfilm publication T626 (Washington D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2002), roll 1480; FHL microfilm 2,341,215.

³ Email from daughter Nancy Grotz dated June 8, 2021.

⁴ Facebook message dated May 1, 2021 from John Tufanio to Susan Kehr.

⁵ "New York, New York City Births, 1846-1909," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/2WHW-QG1> : 11 February 2018), Herald William Paul Grotz, 04 Aug 1906; citing Manhattan, New York, New York, United States, reference cn 38457 New York Municipal Archives, New York; FHL microfilm 1,985,024.

⁶ Find A Grave Memorial# 186983193

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Lillian Rivetti was born April 10, 1905 in New York, daughter of **Carlo/Angelo Rivetti** and **Josephine Mach**.⁷ Her father was named either Carlo or Angelo; documents are conflicting. Her father emigrated from Italy. Her mother Josephine's name may also be suspect. She emigrated from Bohemia. Josephine's marriage to Carlo/Angelo was her second marriage.

The **Rivetti's** lived in Manhattan. **Lillian (Rivetti) Grotz** died September 24, 1984 in Orlando, Florida, two years before her husband Harold. She is buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery in Orlando, Florida.⁸

⁷ "Florida Death Index, 1877-1998," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/VVF8-JWV> : 25 December 2014), Lillian Minerva Grotz, 22 Sep 1984; from "Florida Death Index, 1877-1998," index, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : 2004); citing vol. , certificate number 83801, Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Records, Jacksonville.

⁸ Find A Grave Memorial# 102827423