

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**BUDDEMEYER, Elton William**

Date of birth

**10 July 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Owensville, Gasconade County,  
Missouri**

Hometown

**Cuba, Crawford County, Missouri**

### Military service

Service number

**37394101**

Rank

**Sergeant**

Unit

**547th Bombardment Squadron,  
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**14 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	31	13

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Walter C. Buddemeyer (father)**

**Gladys (Hunter) Buddemeyer (mother)**

**Walter A. Buddemeyer (brother)**

**Mildred H. Buddemeyer (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-3216**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: The Joker**

**Destination: Schweinfurt, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the ball bearings factory**

**MACR: 841**

## More information

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Sgt Elton W Buddemeyer was employed at Johnson-Schintle-Sterns Shoe Co.

The airplane was attacked of enemy fighters. The nose was blown off and the plane blew up.

Seven crew members were killed. Three men evaded capture. They were helped by the local resistance to reach Switzerland, after which they were able to return to the UK.

## Photos

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