

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

VAN WIE, John Andro

Date of birth

25 June 1915

Age

28

Place of birth

Alden, Freeborn County, Minnesota

Hometown

Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California

Military service

Service number

O-727286

Rank

Captain

Unit

**360th Bombardment Squadron,
303rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

25 July 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
C	6	6

Immediate family

Members

Hiram H. Van Wie (father)

Violet C. (Minor) Van Wie (mother)

Beatrice I. Van Wie (sister)

Bernice A. Van Wie (sister)

Bernard H. Van Wie (brother)

Margaret J. (Shuman) Van Wie (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29606

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: Butch aka Toots

Destination: Hamburg, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the Blohm & Voss naval shipyards

MACR: 91

More information

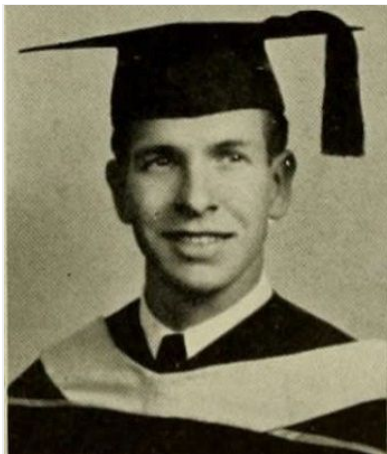
Capt John A. Van Wie graduated from Wilson High School and the University of California. He was employed as a musician.

He was sent overseas in March 1943 and was made flight commander in July 1943.

The airplane was lost to enemy fighters. It was on fire and burning from the bomb bay to the wing roots and #3 engine. It exploded and crashed.

Six crew members survived and were taken prisoner, four men were killed.

Photos



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