

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**REARDON, George M**

Date of birth

**29 September 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**New York City, New York**

Hometown

**Manhattan, New York County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**O-733971**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,  
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**20 October 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
|------|-----|-------|
| B    | 43  | 44    |

## Immediate family

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### Members

**George Kennedy (father)**

**Mary Kennedy (mother)**

**William Kennedy (stepfather)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-3130**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Nip'n Tuck II**

**Destination: Düren, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of the railway complex and aviation industry**

**MACR: 902**

## More information

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On the return flight, the airplane was attacked by enemy fighters. It was so badly hit it exploded in mid-air. Debris were scattered across a wide area.

Eight crew members were killed and initially buried at the military cemetery of Venlo. Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner.

In 2014 a local research team, the Planehunters Recovery Team, found parts of the airplane in the vicinity of the crash. It was decided to erect a monument at the Hoogriebroekseweg in honor of the crew.

## Photos

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