



## Personal info

Full name

**WILLIAMS, Robert E**

Date of birth

**1925**

Age

**unknown**

Place of birth

**Indiana**

Hometown

**Madison County, Indiana**

## Military service

Service number

**35092504**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**729th Bombardment Squadron,  
452nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**12 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
C	39	8

## Immediate family

Members

**Hugh C. Williams (father)**

**Lena H. Williams (mother)**

**Hugh C. Williams Jr. (brother)**

**Joyce A. Williams (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-97143**

Data

**Type: B-17G**

**Nickname: You've Had It**

**Destination: Brux, Czechoslovakia**

**Mission: Bombing of oil production facilities**

**MACR: 4776**

## More information

S/Sgt Robert E. Williams worked in a store before he enlisted on 12 february 1943 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Following statement made by S/Sgt Alvin G. Russell, 13157963.

The formation was attacked by FW 190's and some ME 109's. Aircraft B-17G, 42-97235 was hit by 20 mm canon and the plane blew up. The right wing flew over and hit aircraft 42-97143 which then blew up. Three chutes were observed. The fuselage itself remained fairly intact and when last observed was on the way down. The formation was at approximately 23,500 feet when this occurred.

## Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, [www.wiimemorial.com](http://www.wiimemorial.com), [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov) - WWII Enlistment Record  
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