



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.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record
www.fold3.com - MACR, www.8thafhs.org, Madison County Historical Society Suzy Chambers Emilie Isenhour, Anderson Daily Bulletin - 12 December 1944, www.ancestry.com - 1930/1940 Census

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