

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

KULIK, Joseph F

Date of birth

30 March 1919

Age

24

Place of birth

Bessemer, Cogebic County, Michigan

Hometown

Bessemer, Cogebic County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

O-2044832

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**332nd Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

5 November 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Joseph Kulik (father)

Katherine Kulik (mother)

Walter Kulik (brother)

Julia Kulik (sister)

Louis Kulik (brother)

Edward R. Kulik (brother)

Julia R. (Sloane) Kulik (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30166

Data

Type: B-17F

Nickname: You Cawnt Miss it

Target: Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Mission: Bombing of th marshalling yard and the synthetic oil refineries

MACR: 1043

More information

2nd Lt Joseph F. Kulik graduated from Bessemer High School in 1938 and was employed at the Gamble store in Bessemer and the Sears Roebuck store in Ironwood. He enlisted in Escanaba, Michigan on 14 February 1941. He was graduated as a pilot and received his wings and commission on 26 November 1942 and had been in England since February 1943. He was to have completed his activities in that theatre after two more missions.

The following was written by Harry Slater formerly of the 94th Bomb Group:

"On November 5th, the 94th launched 32 aircraft to bomb the synthetic oil refineries northwest of Gelsenkirchen. Since the Ploesti oil production center had been bombed, this target was considered important to the German cause. Nineteen aircraft formed the lead group of the 1st Air Task Force.

Flak was light over the Dutch coast but became intense in the target area. Lt. James K. Killian and crew of the 332nd squadron in aircraft 42-30166 (You Cawn't Miss it) were observed under heavy attack. After a time, the aircraft exploded with one parachute blossoming out of the debris. Eight aircraft suffered minor flak damage".

Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner, eight were killed. The remains of Lt Kulik were never recovered.

Photos



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