

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

MOONEY, Marion Monroe

Date of birth

16 January 1914

Age

30

Place of birth

**Haymarket, Prince William County,
Virginia**

Hometown

Arlington County, Virginia

Military service

Service number

33843134

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

10 January 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	24	20

Immediate family

Members

James H. Mooney II (father)

Arabella (Dawson) Mooney (mother)

Nellie J. Mooney (sister)

David J. Mooney (brother)

Rosalea I. (Sprouse) Mooney (wife)

Marian J. Mooney (daughter)

Plane data

Serial number

42-97861

Data

Type: B-17G

Nickname: Iza Vailable III

Destination: Bonn, Gemany

Mission: Bombing of Hangelar airfield

MACR: 11575

More information

Marion Mooney was a salesman.

He enlisted at fort George G. Meade, Maryland on 4 March 1944.

The airplane was at 26,700 feet when its nose suddenly went up. The pilot, Lt. Statton and co-pilot, Lt. David A. Schroll, jointly exerted control pressure to bring the nose down. They believed that they had been hit by flak. The autopilot was used to control the aircraft which had dropped to 25,000 feet. The waist gunner reported that the tail gun position had been knocked off and that Tail Gunner, Sgt. Marion M. Mooney, was missing. He was wearing his parachute at the time. The accident and poor weather conditions forced Lt. Statton to drop behind the formation and make an emergency landing at airfield B-53 at Merville, France. An examination of the tail indicated that it had been hit by another aircraft, being B-17 # 42-39875, that made a wheels up landing ar Field A-97 in Sandweiler, Luxembourg.

Lts. Statton and Schroll were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for their skill in controlling and landing their damaged B-17.

Photos



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