



Personal info

Full name

HAWKINS, William Roland

Date of birth

18 May 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

**Springfield, Hampden County,
Massachusetts**

Hometown

Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-557294

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**452nd Bombardment Squadron,
322nd Bombardment Group, Medium**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

28 November 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
C	4	1

Immediate family

Members

John T. Hawkins (father)

Madeline B. Hawkins (mother)

John T. Hawkins (brother)

Ruth (Ryan) Hawkins (wife)

More information

William R. Hawkins graduated from Central High School in 1943 where he was president of his class. He attended Wittenburg College.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania on 29 October 1942 and received his pilot wings on 12 March 1944.

He was married to Ruth Ryan in March 1944.

At the time of his death, his brother John was a lieutenant with the military intelligence in Europe.

Photos



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