



Personal info

Full name

WILKINS, Robert R Jr

Date of birth

8 January 1917

Age

27

Place of birth

**Pittsburgh, Allegheny County,
Pennsylvania**

Hometown

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Military service

Service number

O-690022

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**701st Bombardment Squadron,
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

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

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

21 November 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
K	16	21

Immediate family

Members

Robert R. Wilkins (father)

Catherine K. (Maddigan) Wilkins (mother)

Myrtle C. Wilkins (sister)

Marie A. Wilkins (sister)

Ruth A. (Gerwig) Wilkins (wife)

Suzanne M. Wilkins (daughter)

Plane data

Serial number

42-100337

Data

Type: B-24

Destination: Hamburg

Mission: Bombing

MACR: 10409

More information

2nd Lt Robert R. Wilkins enlisted in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on 24 April 1941. He graduated from Lubbock army air field in Texas in September, 1943 and had been commissioned a second lieutenant. He married Ruth Gerwig at the Post Chapel L.A.A.F. in Lubbock, Texas in 1943.

Qualified as a pilot, he then was stationed at Liberal, Kanas where he received further training.

Ship was hit by flak and exploded in the air and burnt in crash.

Photos



Source of information: Danny van der Groen, Astrid van Erp, www.abmc.gov, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, www.ancestry.com - 1940 Census / Maddigan-Doyle FTM Family Tree / Veteran Compensation Application File, www.fold3.com - MACR, www.newspapers.com - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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