



### Personal info

Full name

**SPIVA, Elza Roy**

Date of birth

**26 January 1922**

Age

**21**

Place of birth

**Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri**

Hometown

**Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri**

### Military service

Service number

**17076402**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,  
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**19 May 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
|------|-----|-------|
| B    | 32  | 4     |

## Immediate family

### Members

**Grover R. Spiva (father)**  
**Vivian Z. (Klinker) Spiva (mother)**  
**Claudia P. Spiva (sister)**  
**Bonnie V. Spiva (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**41-24573**

### Data

**Type: B-17F**  
**Destination: Kiel, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing of the Krupp Germaniawerft U-boat yards**  
**MACR: 15329**

## More information

S/Sgt Elza R. Spiva attended high school for two years and worked for Standard Steel.

He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on 7 August 1942.

The aircraft was shot down by enemy fighters. it ditched in shallow water about two miles off the shore. Four men survived and were taken prisoner, six men were killed.

## Photos



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