



Personal info

Full name

RAKESTRAW, William L

Date of birth

22 January 1925

Age

20

Place of birth

Alton, Madison County, Illinois

Hometown

Wood River, Madison County, Illinois

Military service

Service number

36485353

Rank

Private

Unit

**2nd Infantry Regiment,
5th Infantry Division,
Medical Detachment**

Awards

unknown

Death & Grave

Status

Died non-Battle

Date of death

6 April 1945

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Epinal

Plot	Row	Grave
B	39	41

Immediate family

Members

Charles M. Rakestraw (father)

Rose M. (Fortin) Rakestraw (mother)

Rosemary Rakestraw (sister)

Dolores Rakestraw (sister)

Dorothy Rakestraw (sister)

More information

Pvt William L. Rakestraw enlisted in Peoria, Illinois on 21 May 1943 and was sent overseas in October 1944.

Photos



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