



## Personal info

Full name

**LINKLETTER, George Benjamin**

Date of birth

**29 December 1923**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**New Burgh, Orange County, New York**

Hometown

**Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia**

## Military service

Service number

**33539866**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**702nd Bombardment Squadron,  
445th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**27 September 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

Plot	Row	Grave
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## Immediate family

Members

**Casper Linkletter (father)**

**Lucy (Terwilliger) Linkletter (mother)**

## Plane data

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Serial number

**42-50324**

Data

**Type: B-24H**

**Nickname: Eileen**

**Destination: Kassel, Germany Mission: Bombing of the Henschel & Son aircraft plant**

**MACR: 9388**

## More information

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S/Sgt George B. Linkletter enlisted in Charlottesville, Virginia on 29 January 1943. He attended high school for 2 years and worked as an attendant at a filling station before he enlisted.

Statement of Capt Andres Grove:

'100 to 150 enemy aircraft attacked our formation from 6 o'clock. They came in about 10 to 15 abreast and there were about 6 rows. B-24's were going down all around and it was impossible to state which was which. Many parachutes were seen in the area. Many of the planes were seen going down in flames.'

The co-pilot, 2nd Lt Walter George believed he was killed on the ground by civilians. He heard much small arms fire and many shouts and cries.

S/Sgt George B. Linkletter was first buried at the cemetery of Ulfen the same day.

He is remembered with a memorial at the Fantinekill Cemetery in Ellenville, New York.

## Photos

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Photo source: Peter Schouteten, Tracy Briggs / High school Yearbook 1942