

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

GILFOIL, Joseph Henry

Date of birth

6 March 1924

Age

20

Place of birth

**Watertown, Middlesex County,
Massachusetts**

Hometown

Watertown, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Military service

Service number

31270331

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

27 September 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	29	16

Immediate family

Members

Joseph H. Gilfoil (father)

Margaret D. Gilfoil (mother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-50961

Data

Type: B-24J

Destination: Kassel, Germany

MACR: 9571

More information

S/Sgt Joseph H. Gilfoil was a graduate of Watertown High School and attended Boston College for a term before entering the armed forces.

100 to 150 E/A 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 planes were going down in flames.

Sgt Gilfoil had part of one leg shot away while in the plane. He immediately bailed out, either hoping that the temperature would stop the bleeding or hoping for immediate first aid on the ground.

Photos



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