

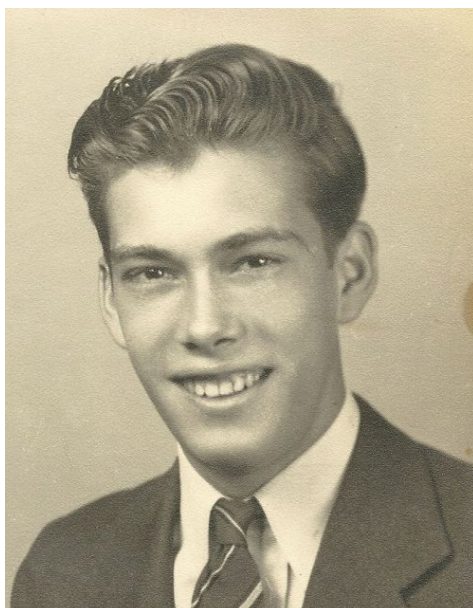
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Personal info

Full name

REAVES, Dudley Wayne

Date of birth

18 December 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

South Bend, St. Joseph, Indiana

Hometown

South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana

Military service

Service number

16169115

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
C	13	19

Immediate family

Members

Donald D. Reaves (father)

Helen E. (Goss) Reaves (mother)

Marvin Reaves (brother)

James Reaves (brother)

Thomas Reaves (brother)

Leah J. Reaves (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

41-29130

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Gotha, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aviation industry

MACR: 2556

More information

S/Sgt Dudley W. Reaves graduated from Woodrow High School where he played basketball and was a chauffeur. He volunteered for the Air Corps of the army of the United States in Chicago, Illinois on 5 December 1942.

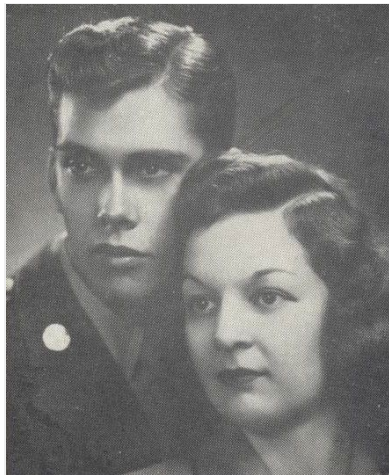
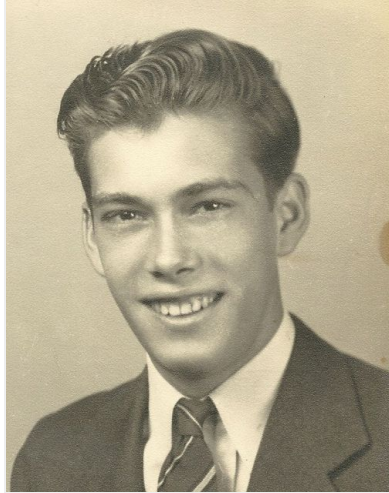
S/Sgt Dudley W. Reaves was known to go by his middle name 'Wayne' when he was growing up.

Statement of 1st Lt Glenn E. Jorgensen:

"I saw Lt. Swanson's plane 41-29130 get hit by fighters. Flames could be seen in the bomb bay. He turned and left formation. I turned and left a few minutes later and saw a plane that had crashed, burning on the ground."

Five crew members survived and were taken prisoner. Five were killed and initially buried at the church cemetery of Holtrup.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Peter Schouteten, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.archives.gov, www.ancestry.com - U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, www.archives.gov - WWII Enlistment Record, U.S. Census 1940

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