

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**WOLFORT, Joseph**

Date of birth

**10 June 1920**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**St. Louis, Missouri**

Hometown

**St. Louis, Missouri**

Religion

**Jewish**

### Military service

Service number

**O-674882**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

**503rd Fighter Squadron,  
339th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Died of Wounds**

Date of death

**27 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
D	7	17

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Rowland Wolfort (father)**

**Sadie W. Wolfort (mother)**

**Cecile Wolfort (sister)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-106755**

### Data

**Type: P-51B**

**Desitnation: Berlin, Germany**

**Mission: Bomber escort**

**MACR: 5277**

## More information

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Joseph Wolfort graduated from Soldan High School. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in March 1943.

According to 2nd Lt Robert B. Brown, who was flying in the same mission, the airplane of Lt Wolfort was hit by flak in the vicinity of Uelzen, Germany. He then rolled the plane and bailed out. He landed in Amelsbüren, south of Münster.

Lt Wolfort was wounded and was taken to the army hospital in Münster, where he died the same day. He was initially buried at the hospital cemetery on 30 May 1944.

Given the location where he bailed out, it can be assumed that the information of Lt Brown about the location where his airplane was hit by flak, is not accurate.

## Photos



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