

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

STAYTON, Richard Arthur

Date of birth

1921

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Oakland, Alameda County, California

Hometown

Alameda County, California

Military service

Service number

O-1172673

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

**353rd Fighter Squadron,
354th Fighter Group**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

8 November 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	34	49

Immediate family

Members

Charles F. Stayton (father)

Mary Stayton (mother)

Charles Stayton (brother)

Katherine Stayton (sister)

Jaqueline (Lunsford) Stayton (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

43-7163

Data

Type: P-51B

Nickname: Dahlberg's Dilemma

Destination: Wiesbaden, Germany

Mission: Dive Bombing

MACR: 10186

More information

Richard Stayton was an architect.

He joined the Field Artillery of the National Guard in Oakland, California, on 3 March 1941. He later transferred to the Air Corps.

Statement from 1st Lt Harlow R. Elured, who flew in the same mission: "I was flying no. 3 position on White Flight on 8 November 1944. After peeling off at 10,000 feet for my bombing run on an airdrome near Wiesbaden, Germany. I saw a silver ship explode at approximately 4,000 feet. This ship, I assume, was my wingman, 2nd Lt Richard A. Stayton, as he was the only one missing on that mission. However, I was not close enough to make a positive identification. I can give no explanation of the fact that my wingman left my wing and made his own dive-bombing run. The time this incident took place was 1100 hours."

Photos



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