

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

LARSEN, Garth Boyes

Date of birth

18 September 1923

Age

20

Place of birth

Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah

Hometown

Salt Lake County, Utah

Military service

Service number

O-806467

Rank

Second Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

24 February 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
A	35	24

Immediate family

Members

Niels P. Larsen (father)

Elisabeth M. (Boyes) Larsen (mother)

Robert B. Larsen (brother)

Gorden P. Larsen (twinbrother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-52364

Data

Type: B-24H

Destination: Gotha, Germany

Mission: Bombing of the aviation industry

MACR: 2558

More information

Garth B. Larsen attended the University of Utah for one year and was an actor. He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Salt Lake City, Utah on 30 April 1942.

His brother Gordon P. Larsen was also stationed in England and was a pilot in a P-47. The brothers were stationed 40 miles from each other.

At that day, his brother was flying fighter protection for the group. After returning to his base, he talked with the members of his brother's squadron. They told him they saw a German fighter get underneath the plane and it made several strikes and a fire broke out in the tail turret. The plane wheeled out of formation, the waist gunner waved and almost immediately the saw seven parachutes open. The plane didn't explode and didn't go into a spin, but was going down in a gentle dive.

Eight crew members were killed, one survived and was taken prisoner.

His twinbrother also served in the USAAF and flew P-47's.



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