



Personal info

Full name

WILDER, Charles Paul

Date of birth

20 May 1921

Age

22

Place of birth

Franklin, Franklin County, North Carolina

Hometown

Lewisburg, Franklin County, North Carolina

Military service

Service number

34406544

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**337th Bombardment Squadron,
96th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

16 December 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Charles W. Wilder (father)
Dora S. (Perry) Wilder (mother)
Bettie R. Wilder (sister)
James P. Wilder (brother)
Sallie M. Wilder (sister)
Kate Wilder (sister)
Lola Wilder (sister)
James P. Wilder (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-30872

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: The Blond Bomber
Destination: Bremen, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the port
MACR: 1565

More information

S/Sgt Charles P. Wilder attended high school for 4 years and was a bellman. He enlisted at Camp Blanding, Florida on 15 October 1942.

Aircraft #42-31113, that was flying above aircraft #42-30872, was attacked by enemy aircraft. One engine was shot off and hit their airplane, causing them both to crash. No parachutes were seen.

The entire crew of both aircraft was killed.

Photos



T SGT 548 BOMB SQ 385 BOMB C
WIENING PAUL G
1 LT 99 SQ 441 TRP CARR GP
WIESER JERRY H
S SGT 506 BOMB SQ 44 BOMB G
WILDER CHARLES P
S SGT 96 BOMB GP (H)
WILDER HARRY W
PVT 110 INF 28 DIV
WILDMAN WALTER G
PVT 12 INF 4 DIV





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