



Personal info

Full name

KENNEDY, Michael Gerald

Date of birth

27 December 1919

Age

23

Place of birth

Sac County, Iowa

Hometown

Buena Vista County, Iowa

Military service

Service number

O-664319

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

**409th Bombardment Squadron,
93rd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Finding of Death

Date of death

13 November 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten**Walls of the Missing**

Immediate family

Members

Michael P. Kennedy (father)
Emma T. (Schmitt) Kennedy (mother)
Mary A. Kennedy (sister)
Charles P. Kennedy (brother)
Lawrence J. Kennedy (brother)
Mark Kennedy (brother)
Cecil F. Kennedy (brother)
Leroy Kennedy (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

41-24298

Data

Type: B-24D
Nickname: Queenie
Destination: Bremen, Germany
Mission: Objective Bombing
MACR: 2189

More information

1st Lt Michael G. Kennedy attended the State University of Iowa and was employed as a mechanic.

He enlisted in the Regular Army on 15 November 1941 at Fort Des Moines, Iowa as an aviation cadet.

His squadron was based at Hardwick, Norfolk, England and 1st Lt Kennedy was part of the ten-man crew for the large aircraft B-24 serving as Navigator. He and his crew set out on their final flight, a bombing mission to the city of Bremen in Germany, over the North Sea, when they were close to the German border their plane was shot at by German planes. All crew members died when the plane, named "Queenie" went down into the North Sea.

It was November 13, 1943, the attacked aircraft was out of formation with the other planes flying. The pilot, Capt Ralph P Gewehr, realized his error and thought he turned back to rejoin the group of planes. At that time the B-24 was attacked by enemy aircraft. The #2 engine was on fire and the plane went into a cloud in a flat spin. One of the wings may have been gone. The other planes in the formation could not tell 100% the events due to poor visibility and weather conditions. A report was filed January 12, 1944 by Capt John J. Hinch after a complete investigation.

His brother, Sgt Cecil F. Kennedy was killed in action on 16 June 1945 and is commemorated on the Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial.

Photos



KELLY RAYMOND P	MICHIGAN
KELLY WILLIAM P	NEW YORK
CAPT 335 FTR SQ 4 FTR GP	
KENDALL JOSEPH W	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
2 LT 388 BOMB GP (H)	
KENNEDY AMOS R	ILLINOIS
PVT 313 INF 79 DIV	
KENNEDY MICHAEL G	IAWA
1 LT 409 BOMB SQ 93 BOMB GP (H)	
KENNEMER JAMES C	ALABAMA
S SGT 728 BOMB SQ 452 BOMB GP (H)	
KENNER HAROLD D	PENNSYLVANIA
PFC 401 GL INF 101 ABN DIV	
KERLEY HERMAN L	WEST VIRGINIA
PVT 39 INF 9 DIV	
KERN HERBERT R	OHIO
S SGT 535 BOMB SQ 391 BOMB GP (H)	

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