

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

VANDERSTELT, Joseph

Date of birth

5 March 1917

Age

27

Place of birth

**Muskegon Heights, Muskegon County,
Michigan**

Hometown

Muskegon Heights, Muskegon County, Michigan

Military service

Service number

36416921

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**364th Bombardment Squadron,
305th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart,
Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

5 December 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
B	32	37

Immediate family

Members

Jan D. Vanderstelt (father)
Johanna M. (Teuling) Vanderstelt (mother)
Dirk D. Vanderstelt (brother)
Maud (VanderKooi) Vanderstelt (sister)
Gertrude (Smith) Vanderstelt (sister)
Jacob Vanderstelt (brother)
William Vanderstelt (brother)
Helen Vanderstelt (sister)
Henrietta Vanderstelt (sister)
Donna Vanderstelt (sister)
Joan Vanderstelt (sister)
John Vanderstelt (brother)
Genevieve N. Vanderstelt (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-39947

Data

Type: B-17G
Nickname: Chiquita
Destinantion: Berlin, Germany
Mission: Bombing of munitions and tank plants
MACR: 11040

More information

Joseph Vanderstelt attended college for one year and was a carpenter.

He enlisted in Kalamazoo, Michigan on 31 December 1942.

The airplane was hit by a direct flak burst, breaking the fuselage in two.

The wreckage crashed close to Prenden, Germany. All nine crewmembers were killed. They were initially buried at the local cemetery of the town.

Photos



Source of information: Raf Dyckmans, Terry Hirsch, www.wwiimemorial.com, www.fold3.com, www.findagrave.com, www.ancestry.com - 1930/1940 Census / United States World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 / Headstone and Interment Records for U.S. Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil

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