

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**ZAPATKA, Frederick J**

Date of birth

**29 May 1923**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Radisson, Sawyer County, Wisconsin**

Hometown

**Radisson, Sawyer County, Wisconsin**

### Military service

Service number

**16094105**

Rank

**Staff Sergeant**

Unit

**335th Bombardment Squadron,  
95th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Missing in Action**

Date of death

**26 July 1943**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

**Walls of the Missing**

### Immediate family

Members

**Frank Zapatka (father)**

**Marie (Wyka) Zapatka (mother)**

**Joseph Zapatka (brother)**

**Helen Zapatka (sister)**

**Tedie Zapatka (sister)**

**Elizabeth Zapatka (sister)**

## Plane data

Serial number

**42-3264**

Data

**Type: B-17F**

**Nickname: Angel of Destruction**

**Destination: Hannover, Germany**

**Mission: Bombing of rubber factories**

**MACR: 193**

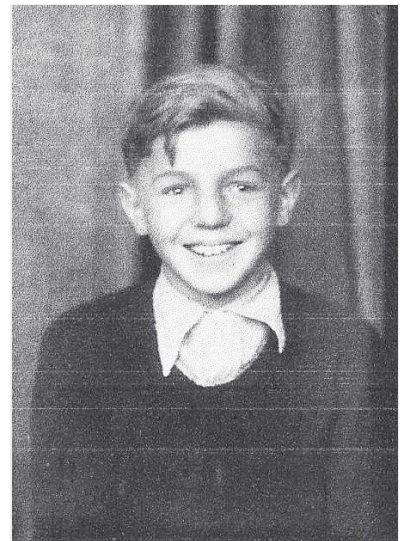
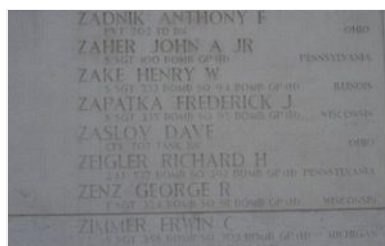
## More information

Frederick J. Zapatka worked at his father's dairy farm.

He volunteered for Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 7 August 1942.

The airplane was shot down by enemy aircraft and flak, which knocked out two engines. The entire crew of ten men was killed.

## Photos



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