



Personal info

Full name

MOORE, William A

Date of birth

1922

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Panama Canal Zone

Hometown

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

Military service

Service number

16116739

Rank

Sergeant

Unit

**856th Bombardment Squadron,
492nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

20 June 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

Fred H. Moore (father)

Anna H. Moore (mother)

Robert F. Moore (brother)

Mary J. Moore (wife)

Plane data

Serial number

42-110152

Data

Type: B-24J

Nickname: The Lady Will

Destination: Politz, Germany

MACR: 7084

More information

Sgt William A. Moore graduated from West Allis High School. He attended the University of Winsconsin before he enlisted in September 1942.

On 20 June 1944, the Faucher Crew flew their third and final mission. This time they were flying an 856th plane. The objective was to attack the heavily defended oil refineries at Politz. While approaching target from the Baltic Sea, the 492nd was without figher protection and were blind-sided by the Luftwaffe. They were hit and the ship was on fire. Two men were killed on board. Sgt Moore was able to bail out before the plane exploded. The plane crashed in right in the center Stralsund, Germany, with its full payload of bombs.

Photos



Source of information: Michel Beckers, [492nd Bomb Group](#), The Milwaukee Journal 17-mar-1945, [www.ancestry.com](#) - 1930 Census

Photo source: Peter Schouteten, The Milwaukee Journal 17-mar-1945, Arie-Jan van Hees, Pilot Class Book 44-A Gibbs Field, Texas