



Personal info

Full name

BREARTON, William Stricker

Date of birth

25 February 1917

Age

26

Place of birth

Brown County, South Dakota

Hometown

Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota

Military service

Service number

39530623

Rank

Technical Sergeant

Unit

**331st Bombardment Squadron,
94th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

27 September 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

Plot	Row	Grave
D	17	12

Immediate family

Members

Martin R. Brearton (father)
Florence M. (Stricker) Brearton (mother)
Marjorie E. Brearton (sister)
Betty J. Brearton (sister)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5888

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: Elusive Elcy
Destination: Emden, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the port area
MACR: 732

More information

T/Sgt William S. Brearton was a shipping clerk.

He enlisted in Los Angeles, California on 11 August 1942.

The aircraft was attacked by enemy fighters and was last seen on fire, losing altitude, going down. Its left wing then came off and it exploded. Two men were seen to come out of the ship, but only one with a parachute.

Photos



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