

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

HEAVNER, Gerald A

Date of birth

2 May 1920

Age

23

Place of birth

West Virginia

Hometown

Fort Ashby, Mineral County, West Virginia

Military service

Service number

13052698

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

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

Awards

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Death & Grave

Status

Missing in Action

Date of death

27 September 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Walls of the Missing

Immediate family

Members

Stafford F. Heavner (father)

Stella M. (Carr) Heavner (mother)

Ford Heavner (brother)

Norman Heavner (brother)

Marguerite Heavner (sister)

Pauline Heavner (sister)

Glover E. Heavner (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-5989

Data

Type: B-17F

Destination: Emden, Germany

MACR: 734

More information

S/Sgt Gerald A. Heavner enlisted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 21 January 1942.

He was raised together with his brother Glover at the farm of his uncle and aunt Jasper and Mollie Morral after their mother had died. Before Gerald enlisted into the U.S. Army Air Forces, he worked for his relative Guy Heavner on a farm in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Prior to his enlistment he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Parsons, West Virginia.

From the Missing Aircrew Report:

"The aircraft was in the 2nd Low Group. It was seen with #1 and #4 engines out, with black smoke pouring out. Wheels were down and bombs were believed to be dropped. The left wing dropped off. A/C was believed to blow up and disintegrate. One chute was observed."

Photos



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