

Fields of Honor Memorial

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Personal info

Full name

YEAGER, George Hally Jr

Date of birth

1923

Age

unknown

Place of birth

Roanoke, Virginia

Hometown

Roanoke, Virginia

Military service

Service number

13062756

Rank

Staff Sergeant

Unit

**547th Bombardment Squadron,
384th Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,
Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

16 July 1944

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Ardennes

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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Immediate family

Members

George H. Yeager (father)

Helen F. (Councill) Yeager (mother)

Catherine Yeager (sister)

Richard Yeager (brother)

Plane data

Serial number

42-107064

Data

Type: B-17G

Destination: Munich, Germany

Nickname: Miss Fitt

Mission: Bombing of the Aero aircraft engine factory

MACR: 7553

More information

S/Sgt George H. Yeager, Jr., attended Notre Dame University for one year as part of the Class of 1945.

He joined the Air Corps of the U.S. Army Reserve in Roanoke, Virginia on 22 June 1942.

S/Sgt Yeager had previously been a crew member on board B-17 #42-97081 that had ditched in the North Sea on 8 May 1944. He was one of the survivors who were rescued. He had already flown two missions and flew another fourteen after this incident.

The entire nose section of the plane was blown off by a direct flak hit. It is supposed that Sgt Yeager was blown out of the airplane.

Five crew members were taken prisoner and four men were killed.

S/Sgt Yeager was initially buried at the prisoner cemetery of Fürstenfeldbruck on 18 July 1944.

Photos



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