

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**DANIELS, Joseph Daniel**

Date of birth

**6 April 1917**

Age

**27**

Place of birth

**Rockland Lake, Rockland County, New York**

Hometown

**Spring Valley, Rockland County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**O-753984**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**729th Bombardment Squadron,  
452nd Bombardment Group, Heavy**

Awards

**Purple Heart,  
Air Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**12 May 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Ardennes**

Plot	Row	Grave
B	37	55

## Immediate family

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### Members

**Andrew Daniels (father)**

**Ella (Gerla) Daniels (mother)**

**Mary Daniels (sister)**

**Olga Daniels (sister)**

**William Daniels (brother)**

**Peter Daniels (brother)**

**Margaret M. (Strickland) Daniels (wife)**

**Daniel J. Daniels (son)**

## Plane data

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### Serial number

**42-97143**

### Data

**Nickname: You´ve Had It**

**Type: B-17G**

**Destination: Brux, Czechoslovakia**

**Mission: Bombing**

**MACR: 4776**

## More information

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Following statement made by S/Sgt Alvin G. Russell, 13157963.

The formation was attacked by FW 190's and some ME 109's. Aircraft B-17G, 42-97235 was hit by 20mm cannon and the plane blew up. The right wing flew over and hit aircraft 42-97143 which then blew up. Three chutes were observed. The fuselage itself remained fairly intact and when last observed was on the way down. The formation was at approximately 23,500 feet when this occurred.

Joseph was afraid to jump, froze to wheel shortly before. He was pushed out the navigators hatch by a crewmember at approximately 700 feet.

## Photos



Source of information: Terry Hirsch, Carla Mans, [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com), [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com), [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - Family Tree / 1930 Census / WWII Draft Card

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