



## Personal info

Full name

**GRILL, Mark Rollyn**

Date of birth

**30 May 1921**

Age

**23**

Place of birth

**Marinette, Marinette County, Wisconsin**

Hometown

**Marinette, Marinette County, Wisconsin**

## Military service

Service number

**O-708877**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

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

Awards

**Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**7 July 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Margraten**

| Plot | Row | Grave |
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## Immediate family

### Members

**Mathias A. Grill (father)**  
**Elizabeth (Jaeger) Grill (mother)**  
**Mark C. Grill (brother)**  
**Alden R. Grill (brother)**  
**Carol E. Grill (sister)**  
**Ursula Grill (sister)**  
**Elizabeth M. Grill (sister)**

## Plane data

### Serial number

**42-95005**

### Data

**Type: B-24H**  
**Nickname: Dreamer**  
**Destination: Bernburg, Germany**  
**Mission: Bombing Aircraft manufacturing facility**  
**MACR: 7236**

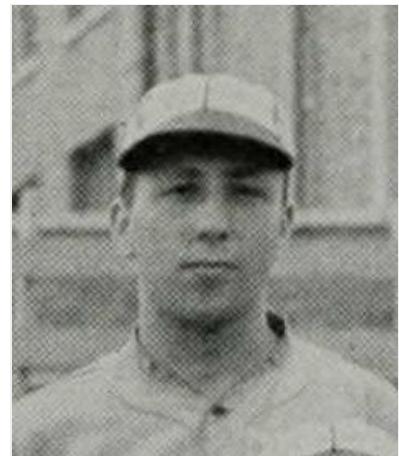
## More information

Lt Mark R. Grill attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison as part of the Class of 1944 where has on the school's baseball team.

The final mission for the Watson Crew was on 7 July 1944. The Luftwaffe attacked the 492nd from their behind where they didn't have any fighter protection. The air battle turned into a blood-bath as casualties ran high on both sides. The airplane Second Lieutenant Grill was in was knocked out of the action along with nine other ships from the 492nd. Only two of the dead could be identified for burial.

After the war, another crewmember was reburied in the US. The rest of the crew was buried as a group. Today that group is buried together at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St Louis, Missouri.

## Photos



Source of information: Michel Beckers, Astrid van Erp, Terry Hirsch, [www.492ndbombgroup.com](http://www.492ndbombgroup.com), [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) - MACR, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) - 1920 Census

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