



Personal info

Full name

WETZEL, Lowell Livingston "Buzz"

Date of birth

9 August 1922

Age

20

Place of birth

Akron, Summit County, Ohio

Hometown

Portage County, Ohio

Military service

Service number

O-792189

Rank

First Lieutenant

Unit

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

Awards

Purple Heart

Death & Grave

Status

Killed in Action

Date of death

21 May 1943

Cemetery

American War Cemetery Margraten

Plot	Row	Grave
L	13	11

Immediate family

Members

Harry F. Wetzel (father)
Alice M. (Graham) Wetzel (mother)
Vida Wetzel (sister)
Dorothy A. (Starner) Wetzel (wife)
Lowell "Buzz" Wetzel Jr. (son)

Plane data

Serial number

42-29727

Data

Type: B-17F
Nickname: In Der Fuehrer's Face
Destination: Emden, Germany
Mission: Bombing of the port

More information

1st Lt Lowell L. Wetzel attended Kent State University where he was football star. In 1941 he followed the Civilian Pilot Training Program.

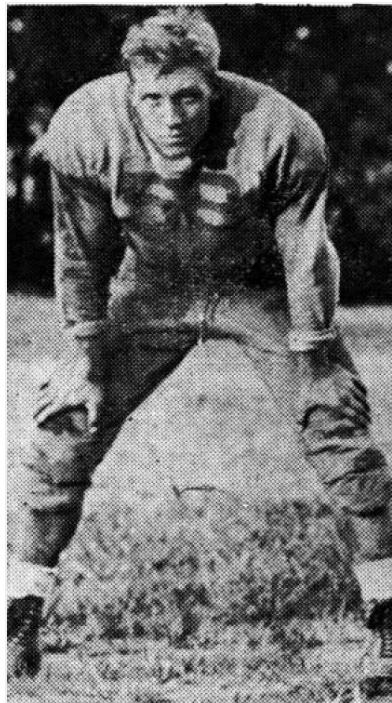
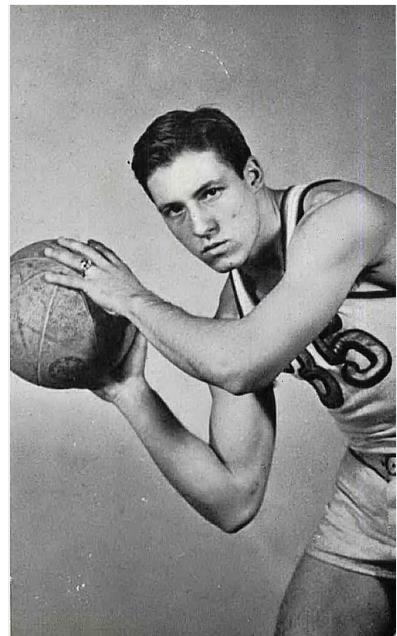
He volunteered for the Air Corps of the Army of the United States in Cleveland, Ohio on 23 December 1941.

His son was born after his father was reported missing.

The airplane was attacked by enemy fighters, which caused a fire in #3 engine and in the radio room. According to statements of dutch citizens the airplane came down burning fiercely and exploded when it hit the ground.

Two crew members survived and were taken prisoner, eight were killed. They were initially buried at the cemetery of Vlagtwedde, The Netherlands.

Photos



Source of information: FOHF, www.wwiiimemorial.com, www.ancestry.com - Headstone and Interment Record, The Kent Stater, SLO Drenthe

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