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1 LT James E. Wagner

Class 23-42

ID: 0-420563

Branch of Service: U.S. Army

Hometown: Lyon County, KS

Status: FOD 21 Jul 1944



He was born in 1919 to a Kansas blacksmith and his stay-home wife, James Wagner had military in his family already, his grandfather Sergeant Christian Wagner had served with the 8th Kansas in the Civil War.

He was an actor, and as of 1940 he was single. He was the youngest of 7 children. On December 23, 1940, James enlisted in the National Guard, but eventually he ended up in the Army Air Corps. Between 1940 and his death he married Dorothy P Winslow, and together they bore a son, James Edward Wagner Jr.

In July 1944, he was running a bombing raid over Italy and Austria, when he was shot down by Axis fighters over Austria. He left behind his wife and son, and predeceased his entire family. His mother could never speak of the day she found out. James and 6 other men were buried in a quick group burial in France, but the US Army finally delivered them home for burial in the states. 10+ years after his death, James E Wagner was finally layed to rest in St. Louis, Missouri. May he rest in peace.



Returned from an overseas group burial in 1950 for interment

Buried in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Saint Louis, Missouri

Plot: 84 0 302-304