

James David Dea, United States Navy Aviation, WW II

patrol squadron VP-21, pilot
died in an aircraft crash near Harvey Point, North Carolina
interred in Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, Iowa

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James D. Dea's grandfather, John Dea, was the Rock Island Railroad section boss in Shelby, Iowa in 1880. Later the Dea family moved south to a farm in Pleasant Township.

In the 1940 census, James D. Dea was a farmhand living with his parents in Pleasant Township west of Avoca and south of Shelby. James Dea entered service in November 1942.

James D. Dea died with all nine crew members when their Martin Mariner PBM-3D amphibious patrol bomber stalled and crashed while simulating a bombing run. The crew included three pilots. Death occurred near the Virginia-North Carolina border south of Virginia Beach and four miles from Creed's Field.

James D. Dea, his parents and grandparents:

James David Dea (24 Aug 1921 - 31 May 1944)

William Barron "Bill" Dea (2 Aug 1887 - 22 Dec 1972)

John Dea (20 Jun 1835 - 1 Jun 1921)

Mary Barron (20 May 1837 - 20 Jan 1924)

Cecelia Helen Dargin (25 Jun 1891 - 22 Aug 1989)

Richard Elias Dargin (1851 or 8 Mar 1852 - 1 Mar 1929)

Cecilia Jane James (17 Feb 1859 - Oct 1942)

The parents and siblings of James D. Dea (updated 15 Jun'18):

