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:



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

William Barron "Bill" Dea (2 Aug 1887 - 22 Dec 1972) & Cecelia Helen Dargin (25 Jun 1891 - 22 Aug 1989) m. 25 Jan 1915, Pott. Co., IA

> Richard William "Dick" Dea (30 Dec 1915 - 23 Jul 2004) & Esther Margaret Paul (6 Jul 1917 - 8 Aug 2016) m. 14 Jun 1939, Avoca, Pott. Co., IA

Robert Francis Dea (18 Jul 1917 - 5 Oct 1969)

Mary Margaret Dea (3 Oct 1919 -) & William Carl Zimmerman (5 Aug 1916 - 9 Feb 1998)

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

John Francis Dea (9 Jan 1924 - 12 Mar 2010) & Helen Marcine Osbahr (abt 1923 -) m. 19 Mar 1945, Papillion, Sarpy Co., NE

Donald Joseph Dea (29 Dec 1928 - 12 Aug 1992) & Beverly R. Hauptman (31 Aug 1930 -) m. 18 Apr 1951, Montgomery Co., OH

Cecilia Helen Dea (27 Jul 1931 - 2 Feb 1975) & Eugene Charles Graeve (17 Feb 1928 - 6 Oct 2006)