

Roy Marion Pedersen, Jr., United States Army Air Force, WW II
7th Air Force, 494th Bombardment Group, 866th Bombardment Squadron, navigator
shot down over Kure Bay, Japan
interred in the Atlantic, Iowa Cemetery

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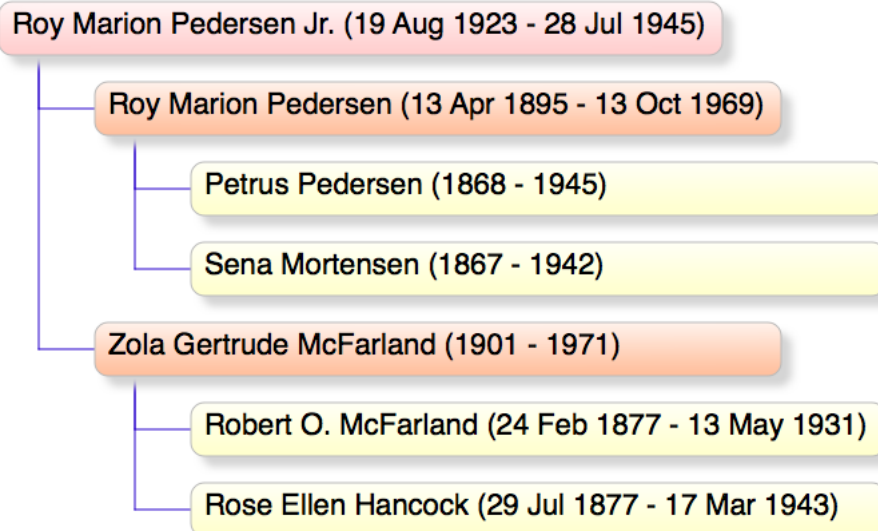
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Roy M. Pedersen, Jr. was born in Atlantic, Iowa, lived in Lincoln Township east of Hancock in 1930 and on a Knox Township farm near Avoca in 1940.

Roy Pedersen's B-24J flew from Yontan Airfield on Okinawa and was shot down by flak while bombing the battleship *Haruna* near Hiroshima. Later that day, Navy aviators sank the *Haruna*.

While Roy died on July 28, the remainder of the crew of nine were taken prisoner. Two survived; the other six were held in Hiroshima and died when the first atomic bomb dropped on August 6, 1945.

Roy M. Pedersen, Jr., his parents, and his grandparents:



The parents and siblings of Roy M. Pedersen, Jr.:

Roy Marion Pedersen (13 Apr 1895 - 13 Oct 1969)
& Zola Gertrude McFarland (1901 - 1971)
m. 1 Nov 1922, Atlantic, Cass Co., IA

Roy Marion Pedersen Jr. (19 Aug 1923 - 28 Jul 1945)

Reva Geraldine Marie Pedersen (7 Jun 1926 - 30 Dec 1987)
& Ernest Gustav Wendt (14 May 1922 - 18 Apr 1999)

Janis Irene Pedersen (12 Nov 1928 - 16 Apr 2007)
& John F. Ronnfeldt (27 Jun 1907 - 13 Oct 1990)