

WILLIAMS, Robert G.

“Digger”

B: 26 September 1917 Lisbon, OH

D: 20 August 2012 Redington Beach, FL



Hometown: St. Petersburg, Florida

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron

335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-47D-5-RE 42-8644 QP-U

P-51B-7-NA 43-6869 QP-U

4th Service: 22 January 1943 – 21 March 1944

25 MAY 43 Transferred to the 334th Fighter Squadron

2 JUL 43 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

21 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander D Flight

Aircraft struck by flak while strafing an airdrome at St. Jean D'Angely, damaging the coolant system. Bailed out safely at 7,000' somewhere north of Angers, France. POW. (MACR 3373)

Victories:

None

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Served in the USAF for 28 years, as a flight instructor, bomber pilot, wing commander, ICBM Combat Commander, sector Commander in the 551st Strategic Missile squadron, as well as in SAC.

Retired at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida as a Lieutenant Colonel in August 1970.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), Purple Heart, POW Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal.