

CHURCH, Robert C.

B: 14 June 1922

D: 13 April 2016 Shawsville, VA



Hometown: Bedford, Massachusetts

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 335th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51B-7-NA 43-6562 WD-N

P-51B-15-NA 43-24813 WD-A

P-51D-5-NA 44-13641 WD-A

P-51D-5-NA 44-13883 WD-A

4th Service: 24 September 1943 – 30 September 1944

23 DEC 43 Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant

MAR 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

18 APR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight

7 JUN 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

21 JUN 44 Participated in Operation FRANTIC II, the Russia Shuttle mission. (RTB 5 JUL)

29 JUL 44 Promoted to Captain

9 AUG 44 Appointed Squadron Commanding Officer

Victories:

2.5 (2 air/ .5 ground)

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Professor (Genetics/Animal Breeding) at Pennsylvania Stat University and the University of Connecticut.

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross (OLC), Air Medal (3 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze stars), Distinguished Unit Badge, World War II Victory Medal.