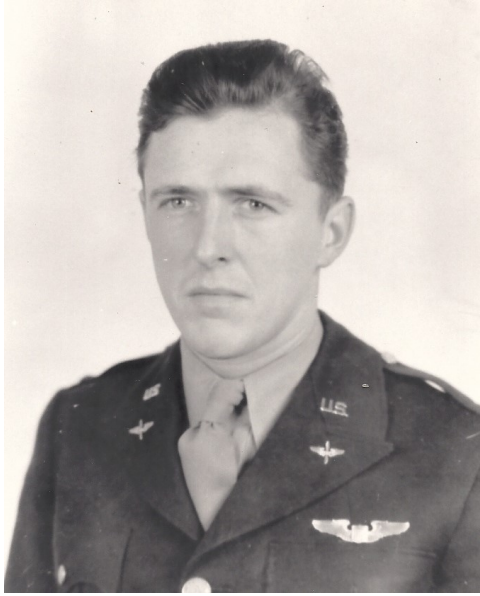


YOUNG, Franklin W.

B: 17 November 1919 Millville, NJ

D: 9 March 1977 West Palm Beach, FL



With crew chief George Anderson

"I caught him at about 3,000 feet and opened fire from line astern. I observed strikes in the tail and trailing edges of the wings and belly. I also observed pieces flying off. He pulled up and went into a steep spiral. When the plane hit the ground, it exploded and flames spread over a wide area. The pilot did not get out."

- Franklin Young describing his destruction of an ME-262, from his combat report of 1 January 1945

Hometown: Marmora, New Jersey

Rank: Captain

MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter

Unit: 336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:

P-51D-10-NA 44-14276 VF-A *Martha Jane*

4th Service: 15 June 1944 – 10 May 1945

4 OCT 44 Promoted to 1st Lieutenant

23 FEB 45 Designated Flight Commander A Flight

20 APR 45 Promoted to Captain

Victories:

2

Highlights:

1 JAN 45 - 1 ME-262, 1 ME-109

Post 4th Fighter Group:

Served in the Korean War.

1962 Retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

1963-76 Owner/operator Presto Car Wash,
St. Petersburg, FL

Decorations:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal (8 OLC), European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (w/ 5 bronze stars), World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (OLC), Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Award, Korean War Service Medal, Korean Service Medal (6 OLC), South Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Reserve Bronze Hourglass.