

BAUMGARTNER, JAMES HAROLD

First lieutenant, Army Air Corps, 01 051 023. Born 23 June 1921 at Berne, Ind., the son of Grover and Rose (Funkhouser) Baumgartner. Married 10 June 1944 to Maxine Moser of Berne. Student, Butler University; residence, Berne. Inducted 7 Aug. 1942 and entered service 21 Aug. 1942; released 3 Feb. 1943 to be commissioned first lieutenant the following day in antiaircraft artillery. Transferred to air corps as student officer Sep. 1943; received his wings and commissioned 1st lieutenant at Altus, Okla., 4 Aug. 1944; later received C-47 transport training at Malden, Mo. Sent overseas Mar. 1945 as pilot of a C-47 transport plane in China-Burma-India theater. Killed in plane crash in China 7 July 1945. Buried temporarily in the New American Military Cemetery, Kunming, China; later in the National Cemetery in Hawaii.

Decorations: Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star.