

KENNETH ROXBY

U. S. Army Air Force Corporal, 729th Bomb Sq. 452nd Bomb Group

Died in Plane Crash on December 3, 1943 in Hudspeth County, Texas

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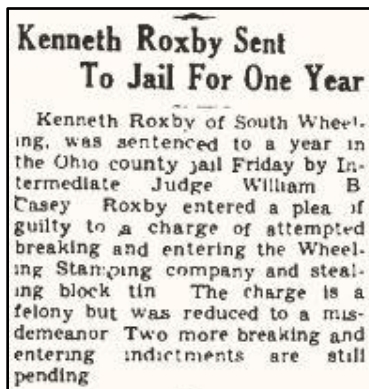


Born in Harmarville, Pennsylvania on August 21, 1921, Kenneth was one of the many children of John W. Roxby, born in England, and Lyda (also Lydia) M. Brown, married in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania in 1898. John had emigrated about 1875.

The family moved to Wheeling, West Virginia before 1930. In the census that year, they were living on Wood Street, and Mr. Roxby was employed as a "Machinist - Steel." Mr. Roxby had been 30 when they married and Lydia had been 16. In 1930 census, the following children were in the home: Mildred, 21, Robert, 16, Richard, 14, Elmer, 12, Kenneth, 8, Delmar, 7, Dorothy, 3, and married daughter, Minerva 19. Minerva's married name was Wooster and she had two children, Donald and Corrine.

John W. Roxby died in Wheeling in 1935. By 1940, Lydia Roxby was residing on Chapline Street, employed as a seamstress for the W.P.A. The four children at home were Robert, Richard, Delmar and Dorothy. Kenneth, 19, is found in the census as an inmate at the County Jail in Wheeling.

According to news articles, Kenneth had some brushes with the law and ended up being sentenced to a year in prison after admitting to taking part in three robberies.



The World War II Selective Service Card

DECEASED

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 1555	1. NAME (Print) Kenneth (none) Roxby		ORDER NUMBER 70000
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 33 1/2 Twentieth Street Wheeling, Ohio, West Virginia			
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same 27921 Pinehurst Detroit, Michigan			
4. TELEPHONE None	5. AGE IN YEARS 20	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Harmarville, Pa.	
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Lydia Roxby 33 1/2 Twentieth St. Wheeling, W. Va.			
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Not employed			
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)		Kenneth Roxby (Registrant's signature)	

Kenneth enlisted in the U.S. Army on December 3, 1942 at Huntington, West Virginia. The record indicates he had attended high school for two years.

In Wheeling, on December 4, 1942, Kenneth Roxby, 21, married Audery Seiverton, 18.

A news article, dated June 28, 1943, states that Kenneth Roxby completed his course of studies as an aviation mechanic in the Army Air Forces technical school at Amarillo Army Air field in Texas.

Wheeling Intelligencer, 6 Dec 1943

Kenneth Roxby, Aerial Gunner, Meets Death in Texas Crash

**HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO
PYOTE FIELD TWO
DAYS BEFORE**

Kenneth Roxby, aerial gunner, was killed in an airplane crash at Pyote, Tex., on December 3, at 4:30 P. M., according to word received by relatives here. He had completed his training in Montana and had been transferred to the Texas field just two days prior to the accident.

Deceased was born on July 24, 1921, at Harmarville, Pa., a son of

John and Lyda Brown Roxby. He came to Wheeling as a boy and received his education here, while he was a member of the First Christian Church. He was employed at the Wheeling Corrugating Company before entering the service in February of 1942. He was united in marriage to Miss Audrey Severson who at present resided in Detroit.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Lydia Roxby, eight brothers: David, of Wheeling, Earl, of Oklahoma City, Okla., Eugene, of Pittsburgh, Willard, of Wheeling, Robert, of Long Beach, Calif., Richard and Elmer, of Wheeling, and Dalmarin of the AAF overseas, four sisters: Mrs. William Hickey, of Steubenville; Mrs. John Croll, of Wheeling; Mrs. Roy Wurster, Wheeling, and Mrs. Jack Waltson, of Wheeling.

The remains will be returned to Wheeling to the Fields funeral home, when funeral arrangements will be completed.

Kenneth Roxby is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.