

Remember Them Forever

Name: William Van Strait, Jr.

Birth: 18 July 1919
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas

Death: 13 June 1971
Montgomery, Montgomery County, Alabama

Cemetery: Fairview Cemetery
Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas
GPS of grave: 33.6346366, -97.1258387

Family:

Father: William "Van" Strait, Sr.
Mother: Mintie Elizabeth Wilson
Spouse: Mary Frances Smith, married ca 1945
Children: Heather Leigh Strait

Military: Colonel, US Army Air Force and US Air Force, World War II, Korea, Vietnam.
Air Force Asst Operations Officer with 4th Ferrying Group at Memphis, Tennessee.
Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and OLC. AUS
Enlisted 30 December 1941. Discharged 5 August 1945. Re-enlisted in US Air Force.
Career military.

Civilian: In 1920 to 1940 lived in Gainesville, Cooke County, Texas and in 1950 in Commerce, Hunt County, Texas.

Sources: Family Search ID LK48-JLV, Find a Grave, BillionGraves, Federal Census Records, Alabama Deaths and Burials Index, U. S. World War II Draft Cards, U. S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, Texas Death Index, U. S. Departing Passenger and Crew Lists, New York Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists, U. S. Select Military Registers, U. S. City Directories, The Alabama Journal

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