

SHELBY JOHN STURGEON, JR.

(1923 – 1944)

WORLD WAR II

Name of Veteran: Shelby John Sturgeon, Jr.

Date/Place of Birth: June 12, 1923, in Kansas City, Missouri

Parents: Shelby John and Hazel (Donahue) Sturgeon

War: World War II

Military Information:

Branch of Service: United States Army Air Forces

Rank: Sergeant

Military Unit: 464th Bomber Group, Heavy, 776th Bomber Squadron

Narrative of Service: Shelby served as an aerial gunner and crew member aboard B-24J Liberator "Flying Box Car" based at Pantanella, Italy. During a mission to bomb a tank factory at St. Valentin, Austria, Shelby was killed in action when the plane was struck by anti-aircraft fire and crashed near Leonding, Austria.

Date of Death: October 16, 1944; interred at Mount Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.

Lineage: Shelby John, Jr. – Shelby John – Issac Simpson – Shelby Jackson – Simpson – Thomas II – Thomas I – Samuel II – Samuel Sturgeon

Submitted by Jack Sturgeon