



## RAYMOND PEAKE

**116101 Pilot Officer Raymond Peake, 25 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.**

Born in 1920, son of builder labourer, Joseph and Ann Marie (nee Barnsley) Peake of Higher Openshaw, Manchester. Raymond was educated at Alma Park Central School, Levenshulme. By 1937, the family had moved to 175 Coppice Road, Higher Poynton. Raymond's siblings were Albert

who was serving in the Navy, a younger brother Geoffrey, who was in the Army and a sister Dorothy who assisted Mrs Bancroft in a bakery. Before enlisting into the RAF, Raymond was an accountant with Messrs. Hall, Higham & Co, Ltd., Manchester.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1942, two weeks before his death, Raymond made the headlines in the Stockport Advertiser. It was reported he had brought down a 'Dornier' off the East coast.

Raymond was killed in action on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1942, aged 22 years. His funeral took place at St George's Church, Poynton, with full service honours; the 25<sup>th</sup> Squadron was represented by Flight Lieutenant Stephens. The service was conducted by Rev. J.G.S. Winstanley.

Pilot Officer Raymond Peake is buried at St George's Churchyard, Poynton. C.W.G.C. Ref: New Part Grave 61.

*In January 1942 the Squadron moved to Northern Ireland, and in May it returned to Yorkshire where, in October 1942 it began to receive Mosquitoes, the last Beaufighters operated, being in January 1943.*

