



## **WILLIAM HORROCKS**

**2210899 Flight Sergeant William Horrocks, 161 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.**

Born 17<sup>th</sup> May 1910 at Barley, Burnley, Lancashire, son of labourer, Joshua and Jane Ann (nee Hughes) Horrocks. William was the eldest in the family; his siblings were John, Joshua and Alice.

In the second quarter of 1936, William married May Phillipson at

Kendal, Westmorland.

They lived at 6 West Park Avenue, Poynton.

The 1939 register show William (Bill) to be employed as a foreman bricklayer.

William died on war service Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1945 when his Sterling bomber, LK209 crashed in the Netherlands killing all the crew except the rear air gunner.

The squadron received Stirlings in September 1944, for supply dropping, whilst the squadron's Lysanders operated into fields in France. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1945 the squadron disbanded.

Flight Sergeant William Horrocks is buried at Vlieland General Cemetery, Friesland, Netherlands. C.W.G.C. Ref: Grave 78.

