

Lawrence Ellwin Pike



Service Number: J-40651

Rank: Flying Officer

Summary: Lawrence Ellwin Pike was born on September 18, 1921 in Kerwood, Ontario to Thomas Edwin Pike and Margaret Ellen Nigham Pike. He had auburn hair and blue eyes. He had an older sister Doreen and a younger brother Walter. Lawrence attended S.S.#2 Metcalfe School and Strathroy Collegiate Institute. The family lived on a mixed farm near Kerwood where Lawrence and his brother helped their dad with the harvest each year.

Lawrence also worked for his neighbours on their farm. Lawrence enlisted with the Royal Canadian Air Force, on August 21, 1942. He was a Flying Officer Air Bomber in the Heavy Conversion Unit #1656. Lawrence was not married. He was killed in action on November 20, 1944 when his Halifax aircraft #W 7875 crashed at Lings Farm near Dunsville, Doncaster, England during a night training flight.

The other members of his crew, Sergeant Norman R. Stubbs, Flying Officer Charles Currie, and Flying Officer John D. East, were also killed, along with two other airmen who were not Canadians. Lawrence was 23 years old when he died. He is buried in the Stonefall Cemetery, Wetherby Road, in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

