



Marvin Eugene Gray

Staff Sergeant
United States Army Air Corps
70th Bombardment Squadron, 13th Air Force
Born 3 March 1922
Killed in Action 9 March 1945
Philippine Islands

Marvin Eugene Gray was born in Kansas in 1922, the oldest child of Charles C. and Beulah Margaret Gray. The family moved to Tustin after 1935 and Marvin graduated from Tustin Union High School in 1940.

He married Doris Gehres in Yuma, Arizona on February 8, 1942, and enlisted in the service on May 17, 1943. He completed his training at Fresno, Colorado, and South Carolina before departing for duty in the South Pacific in June 1944.

With the 13th Air Force, he completed 43 missions as an armored gunner and participated in air action over the Himalayas, Borneo, Celebes, Luzon, and the Philippines. On March 9, 1945, Sgt. Gray was killed in action in a mid-air collision over the Philippine Islands. He had just turned 23 years old, 6 days prior to his death. He left behind his wife Doris and a two-year-old daughter, Diana.

He was awarded the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. He is buried in Fairhaven Cemetery in Santa Ana.

