AC1 Joseph Roberts 539749 RAF

Joseph was born in 1919 in Cwmbran, Monmouthshire, the son of Richard Joseph Roberts and Elizabeth Ann Roberts nee Chapman.

At the time of his death, Joseph was employed as Ground Crew with 138 Sqn at RAF Tempsford, Bedfordshire.

At 22:45 on 28 November 1942 Joseph, in the company of a WAAF, commenced the return on foot to camp from a dance in the local town of Sandy, Bedfordshire. At 23:30 as they were walking along the Everton Road on the righthand side, they heard a lorry coming from the Sandy direction. Joseph pushed the WAAF into the side of the road. A number of Airmen and WAAFs were on the opposite side of the road about 10 yards behind them. The lorry pulled out to pass this group and in doing so struck Joseph. The driver of the three ton Army lorry stopped and discovered Joseph in the road. Joseph died of multiple injuries due to the collision with the truck.

The Coroner stated - *" the deceased was run down whilst walking on the right side of the road. Unfortunately, others on the opposite side were not obeying Air Ministry instructions, which say that all personnel must walk on roads to face on-coming traffic. In avoiding these others the driver struck the deceased and killed him"* The Coroner declared a verdict of Accidental Death.

Joseph is buried in Cwmbran Cemetery, Monmouthshire

Joseph is commemorated on Wall Panel 233