

Reginald George Lathey

Aircraftman 1st Class Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve

Service Number 1193486

Died on 31 October 1942

Memorial Carlton Cemetery

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/2702865/lathey,-reginald-george/>

Son of Henry George Lathey and Gertrude nee Cross who married in the March quarter of 1917, marriage registered in Peterborough R D.

Henry Lathey had been in Nottinghamshire as he is listed in a Trade Union Register in 1909 aged 20, a Fireman for the Great Northern Railway and a member of the Colwick Junction Branch of the Railway union.

Henry and Gertrude had 2 children Reginald George born in the March quarter of 1922 and Grace L born on 20 July 1922 both registered in the Basford R D.

I do not know which school Reginald attended it would probably be All Hallows Gedling, he was a member of the 2nd Gedling Scouts Group.



64, Conway Road,
photographed in
2020

On the 1939 Register the family were living at 64, Conway Road

Henry G Lathey born 9 April 1888 occupation Railway Engine Driver.

Gertrude Lathey Born 21 February 1889

Closed Record – probably Reginald

Grace L Lathey born 20 July 1923 Occupation Lace Finisher.

Reginald enlisted in the RAF at Cardington in Bedfordshire, after April 1940

Reginald Lathey married Dora Perks in 1941, registered in the St Ives R D in the September quarter.

In 1939 the Perks family were living on Gordon Road West Bridgford. Dora was born on 18 May 1923 and her occupation was that of a machinist of ladies blouses.

Reginald Lathey was accidentally killed on 31 October 1942.

An announcement was put in the Nottingham Evening Post 3rd November 1942

*LATHEY , In October 1942 AC1 Reginald George RAFVR aged 20 lost his life while serving his country. But you will always have my heart. Your every loving wife Dora
LATHEY – October 1942 AC1 Reginald George RAFVR aged 20 Lost his life while serving his country, just as manhood life was dawning on a son we loved so dear. Ever loving mother, dad and sister.*

The funeral was held in All Hallows Church Gedling on the 6th November followed by burial at Carlton Cemetery

Photographs can be found on

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2204779/carlton-cemetery>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/110699373/reginald-george-lathey>

In Nottingham Evening Post on 1st November 1945

IN MEMORIUM

LATHY – Reg RAFVR accidentally killed one year ago, serving his country. Treasured memories that never fade of one we loved but could not save – Loving wife Dora, mother, father, sister.

His parents were later buried in the same grave Henry George in 1950 and Gertrude in 1961