

## James Ellis Augustine Walsh



**Rank:** - Sergeant (Navigator)

**Number:** - 3042014

**Regiment:** - Royal Air Force, 57 Sqdn., based at Waddington

**Died:** - 27 Jun 1951, Aged 24

**Cemetery:** - Batley Cemetery, Grave S. 143

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James Ellis Augustine was born in 1926 in Huddersfield, the eldest son of James Ellis and Mary Agnes Walsh nee Duggan, who had married in 1925, registered Middlesbrough. His parents were teachers and lived in Huddersfield where their eldest children were born before coming to Batley, becoming members of the Town Council and both were Mayor's of Batley. James attended St. Mary's

Church and Batley Grammar School. The family lived at 81, Dark Lane, Batley. In 1949 he married Barbara Mary Dunn (registered Leeds).

James joined the RAF in 1944 and served for seven years. He was one of two men killed when an Athena training plane from Martlesham Heath, Suffolk crashed at Wilby, near Stradbroke, Suffolk on 27 July 1951 due to metal fatigue. At the time No. 57 Squadron was based at Waddington.

He is remembered with Honour at Royal Air Force Association, Batley



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