

**GRAVES OF SERVICE PERSONNEL, COLERNE PARISH CHURCHYARD**  
**(Commonwealth War Graves Commission)**

- GSPA001 Flight Lieutenant J. **AKIN** Royal Air Force, 6th July 1965 age 36  
*In memory of a beloved husband and father. Until we all meet again*
- GSPB001 24267625 Sergeant A.E. **BAGLIN** Royal Corps of Transport 1st April 1985 age 27  
*Beloved husband and father. Forever in our hearts, until we meet again*
- GSPB002 U3522730 Sergeant G.G. **BLAKE** Royal Air Force 6th July 1965 age 31  
*Memories of Graham a wonderful husband and daddy, we will meet again darling*
- GSPB003 R71058 Warrant Officer II S. **BOCKING** Pilot Royal Canadian Air Force, 30th July 1942 age 22
- GSPB004 C1926162 Flight Sergeant M.O.C. **BOYLES** Royal Air Force, 6th July 1965 age 28  
*Affectionate memories of a happy life together. Requiescat in pace*
- GSPB005 K2302549 Sergeant L. **BURGE** Royal Air Force 21st March 1973 age 55  
*In memory of our beloved brother always in our hearts and sadly missed*
- GSPC001 Master Navigator W.E. **COX** Royal Air Force 23rd February 1953 aged 40  
*Live in peace where Christ shall shine tireless, deathless joy be thine*  
 Also his wife Minnie Emily **COX** 7th July 1964 aged 54 Our beloved parents
- GSPC002 U1944274 Senior Aircraftsman G.W. **CURTIS** Royal Air Force 15th January 1967 age 22  
*Treasured memories of a dear husband and father. Rest in peace*
- GSPD001 N1920021 Chief Technician P.E. **DAWSON** Royal Air Force 14th August 1968 age 37  
*God be with you till we meet again, your wife Mo and children, Mum Pam and Richard*
- GSPD002 F0582345 Flight Sergeant S.A. **DESBOROUGH** Royal Air Force 16th January 1969 age 39  
*Many memories darling, never to be forgotten, always Peggy, Jane, Kevin*
- GSPE001 611727 Senior Aircraftsman H.L. **ELKS** Royal Air Force 23rd June 1954 age 38  
*Treasured memories of my beloved husband until the day break and shadows flee away*
- GSPG001 E1699405 Chief Technician A.J. **GALLAGHER** Royal Air Force 25th February 1968 age 50  
*In loving memory of my beloved husband Arthur John, may he rest in peace*
- GSPG002 Flying Officer E.B. **GRANGE** Royal Air Force 9th October 1954 age 20  
*We thank God for every remembrance of you a dear son and brother*

- GSPH001 680802 Junior Technician M. **HYRONS** Royal Air Force 31st January 1960 age 22  
*In treasured memory of Michael who was beloved by all*
- GSPJ001 M4269388 Senior Aircraftsman R.A. **JERROLD** Royal Air Force 22nd February 1967  
age 23  
*In loving remembrance of our dear Richard He giveth His beloved sleep*
- GSPK001 76075 Sergeant J.R. **KEITH** Pilot, Royal Canadian Air Force 8th February 1942  
age 23  
*Within our hearts he liveth still*
- GSPK002 404494 Sergeant R.A. **KEMP** Observer, Royal New Zealand Air Force 16th February  
1942 age 21
- GSPK003 E3525065 Corporal A.E.R. **KINGSTON** Royal Air Force 8th March 1966 age 26  
*He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son*
- GSPLO01 Pilot Officer D.B. **LACEY** (of Newfoundland) Pilot, Royal Air Force 16th May 1942  
age 21  
*He that believeth in me although he be dead shall live*
- GSPLO02 798566 Sergeant H.L. **LEARNING** (of Newfoundland) Pilot, Royal Air Force 16th  
August 1941 age 22  
*Fight the good fight*
- GSPLO03 W4253565 Corporal A.C. **LEE** Royal Air Force 6th July 1965 age 24  
*In loving memory of a husband and daddy, sadly missed until we meet again R.I.P.*
- GSPM001 350366 Flight Sergeant E. **MATTHEWS** Royal Air Force 14th November 1941 age 38  
*In proud and loving memory of Flt Sgt Ellis Matthews RAF died November 14th 1941 aged 38  
years*  
Norah **MATTHEWS**, wife of Ellis, 12th March 1987 aged 83
- GSPM002 R62407 Flight Sergeant G.R. **MILLAR** Pilot, Royal Canadian Air Force 16th  
February 1942 age 25  
*Well done thou good and faithful servant*
- GSPPO01 Pilot Officer W.B. **PARKER** Royal Air Force 23rd February 1953 age 19  
*Treasured memories of our dear son, until we meet again*
- GSPPO02 Squadron Leader P.T. **PARSONS**, Pilot, Royal Air Force, Auxiliary Air Force 2nd  
October 1942 age 25  
*Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends*
- GSPPO03 Flying Officer C.J. **PAYNE** Royal Air Force 6th July 1965 age 23  
*In loving memory of our darling son. Thy will be done*
- GSPRO01 2052724 A.C.W. 1st Class Dorothy F.L. **ROBERTS** Women's Auxiliary Air Force  
27th April 1942 age 42  
*Rest in peace*

- GSPS001 748269 Flight Sergeant E.V. **SANSOM** Pilot, Royal Air Force 23rd October 1941 age 26  
*You are only a flight ahead, when our wings are granted us we shall meet you.*  
 In loving memory of our gallant son Flight Sgt. Eric Vernon **SANSOM** (Pilot) who died for his Country on October 23rd 1941 aged 26 years
- GSPS002 Flight Lieutenant H.R. **SCOTT** Royal Air Force 6th July 1965 age 35  
*Treasured memories of a dear husband and daddy always in our thoughts*
- GSPS003 4264769 Senior Air Craftsman D. **STOBIE** Royal Air Force 18th June 1962 age 20  
*May the peace of the Lord be with you always*
- GSPT001 *Per Ardua Ad Astra* Squadron Leader William Godfrey **TILEY** M.B.E. of this Parish, 17½ years R.A.F. killed on active service April 17th 1944 aged 34 years
- GSPT002 Q3502126 Master Air Quartermaster P.S.J. **TIMMS** Royal Air Force 6th July 1965 age 36  
*A dearly loved husband and father sadly missed by Bobbie, Carol Ann and Malcolm*
- GSPT003 1852563 Sergeant D.G. **TOOGOOD** Royal Air Force 29th February 1956 age 30  
*Your life a beautiful memory, sadly missed by your loving wife and children. A beloved husband and daddy dearer in memory than words can tell taken away without farewell. Beautiful memories are all that is left one whom we loved we will never forget, God send we may meet together where we will part no more*
- GSPT004 Flight Lieutenant D. **TRENCH** Royal Air Force 1st November 1968 age 38  
*Resting where no shadows fall*
- GSPW001 4278203 Leading Aircraftsman M.D. **WALKER** Royal Air Force 3rd November 1964 age 20  
*Dearly beloved son and brother always remembered*
- GSPW002 Flying Officer K.B. **WALSH** Royal Air Force 28th September 1964 age 27  
*In loving memory of a son and brother, admired, respected by us all. Rest in peace*
- GSPW003 Wing Commander F.M.N. **WATTS** O.B.E., Royal Air Force 5th May 1956 age 50  
*Loving memories of my dear husband*
- GSPW004 521315 Corporal D. **WEBB** Royal Air Force 25th December 1964 age 48  
*One of the dearest, one of the best, God grant His peace and eternal rest*
- GSPW005 Pilot Officer D. **WILMOT** Royal Air Force 23rd February 1953 aged 31  
*To our dear son and brother you have left a memory we are proud to own*
- GSPW006 M722667 Flight Sergeant T. **WILSON** Royal Air Force 26th November 1967 aged 42  
*In memory of a dear husband and father, eternal rest grant unto him O Lord. R.I.P.*

GSPW007 1247372 Leading Aircraftsman W.A. **WOOD** Royal Air Force 17th October 1942  
age 34  
*Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life*

GSPY001 Flying Officer C.T. **YATES** Royal Air Force 6th July 1970 age 42  
*A much beloved and loving husband and daddy, we treasure our memory*

## INSCRIPTIONS ON GRAVESTONES IN PARISH CHURCHYARD

B0017 ... Lieut John Charles **BESWICK**, King's Own Lancaster Regt. Died of wounds April 22nd 1917, aged 26 years, buried Cambrai France  
*Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away*

F0002 ... Arthur [**FIELD**] died a prisoner of war in Japan Feb 10th 1943 aged 26 years

F0005 In loving memory of Sergeant Edward Charles **FLETCHER** MM (1st Wilts. Regt.) Fourth son of Mr and Mrs William **FLETCHER** of this Parish who departed this life Nov 21st 1918 in his thirtieth year. One of the *Old Contemptibles* of famous memory, he served his country throughout the Great War and fought in the battles of Mons, Saint-Quentin, Cambrai, Marne, Aisne, Neuve-Chapelle, 1st Ypres, Kemmel, 2nd Ypres, Hooge, Vimy, Somme, Thiepval, Messines, Bellewards and Westhoek Ridges and five times wounded. *His feet will tramp beside the others when from victory they march in; he will be with his fighting brothers, hail the peace he helped to win*

G0018 In loving memory of Lance Corporal Maurice **GRAY** North Somerset Yeomanry (N.S.Y.) late of Bristol Police Force. The dearly loved husband of Ethel M. **GRAY**, killed in action Feb. 15th 1916, aged 29 years

H0020 ...Private James **HOLDER** and L.Cpl. William **HOLDER** killed in action in the Great War

W0004 ... Aaron G. **WEBB** missing in the Great War Oct 26th 1917 aged 29 years

W0026 ... George **WICKS** lost in H.M.S. Indefatigable, Jutland Battle May 31st 1916 aged 33

W0035 In loving memory of L.A.C. Hector **WILKINS** R.A.F., a dear husband and son killed on active service Aug 16th 1941 aged 23

## INSCRIPTIONS IN PARISH CHURCH

CMW003 In ever loving memory of Richard **WALMESLEY** Lieutenant (Special Reserve) Yorkshire Regiment. A.P.W.O., "*The Green Howards*", killed in action near Ypres October 21st 1914. Born November 21st 1890. Eldest son of John **WALMESLEY** And grandson of the late Richard **WALMESLEY**  
*"He did his duty". "O may thy soldiers true, faithful and bold, Fight as the Saints Who nobly fought of old And win, with them, the victors' crown of gold, Alleluia!"*

CMW007 [*On vestry steps*]  
 In Memory of Flt. Sgt. F.W. **WALE**, killed in action 27th April 1944 aged 21 years

[Flight Sergeant Bill **WALE** was born in Colerne on 10 March 1923. During the Second World War he was trained as a navigator and served in R.A.F. Bomber Command. He flew on a number of operations over Germany, including several attacks on Berlin. He was navigator of Lancaster LL908 which was shot down in the early hours of 27 April 1944 over *Ugny-sur-Meuse* on the French-German border. The entire crew of seven of the Lancaster were killed. Their bodies are interred in Commonwealth War Graves in Ugny cemetery.]

