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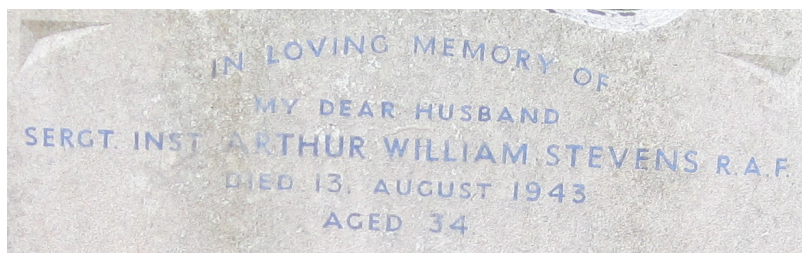


### **SERGEANT ARTHUR WILLIAM STEVENS** **366415 Royal Air Force** **who died on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1943**



Arthur William Stevens was born in 1910 in the parish of Whitchurch Canonorum, Dorset. His father was John Ernest Stevens (1866 – 1931) and his mother Margaret Jane (nee Larcombe) 1871 – 1957. In the 1911 Census his father John was Assistant Overseer and Egg and Poultry Dealer and their address was Little Manscombe, Morcombelake, Dorset. John and Margaret had four sons and one daughter. It is sad to learn that they lost two sons in the Second World War and had previously lost their son Raymond Ernest who had died in 1934 aged 36 years.

Arthur William Stevens married Nancy Vera Stevens and they resided at The Retreat, North Chideock. Arthur William was a Sergeant and Instructor in the RAF at No.9 School of Technical Training at Morecombe. It is unclear how Arthur died but was in the service of King and Country. He is buried in Chideock Cemetery and commemorated on the Chideock War Memorial.



Arthur William Stevens is on the Roll of Honour of The Old Haltonian Association, which was founded by Lieutenant Colonel AFS Cardwell in 1925, was an important feature of the earliest years of the Royal Air Force's Apprentice training at the No. 1 School of Technical Training. The objects of the Old Haltonian Association were to stimulate interest and comradeship between all ex-Halton Apprentices, to provide information on the progress and activities of ex-Apprentices for those still under training and to give each Aircraft Apprentice at Halton an insight into the functions of Service units. It was a flourishing activity with representatives on every RAF unit and in the aircraft industry who all submitted reports to the Association's Halton Magazine on the doings of ex-Apprentices world wide