



Joe Eddie Craig

Born17 Jun 1949, Sacramento, CA

Parents Leander Cromwell & Paris Carruth

Siblings Sandra, Allen & James

Education American River J. C.

Enlisted Oakland, CA

Boot Camp NTC San Diego, CA

Rating Seaman Apprentice

Spouse..... None

Joe grew up in Sacramento. He enjoyed fishing and playing baseball with his best friend Jim Pruitt. Joe’s first job was at McClellan Air Force Base but he loved the Navy. His last words to his mother before leaving to board the ship were, “Keep the grass green.” On 17 May 1969, Joe reported for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) where he served for 17 days. SA Craig was asleep in 1st Division at the time of the collision.