



James Wilburn Davis

Born 31 Aug 1949, Springfield, MO

Parents Cecil & Velma Davis

Siblings Clara Lafferty & Neldean Munsey

Education Southwest Missouri State University

Enlisted St. Louis, MO

Boot Camp NTC Great Lakes

Rating Electronics Technician 3rd Class

Spouse None

James, aka “J. W.” or Dubbie, was eight years old when he would go to his parents and sisters to ask each for a quarter. He was smart enough to separate his parents from his sisters and collect up to a dollar a day. Dubbie enjoyed singing, and playing the guitar and accordion. Before he joined the Navy, J. W. sang in a gospel quartet called The Melodaires. ETR Davis reported for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 15 Feb 1969, and was asleep in the OI Division compartment at the time of the collision.