



**Raymond Joseph Earley**

Born ..... 19 Jan 1949, Shenandoah, PA

Parent ..... Elizabeth Earley

Sibling ..... James

Education ..... Mahanoy Area High School

Enlisted ..... Wilkes Barre, PA

Boot Camp ..... NTC Great Lakes

Rating ..... Seaman Apprentice

Hobbies ..... Fishing & Billiards

“Butch” grew up in the rolling hills of Pennsylvania. After joining the Navy on 5 Dec 1968, he completed basic training, took leave, then reported for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 17 May 1969, when the ship made port in Subic Bay. Seventeen days later, the collision occurred while SA Earley was asleep in 1st Division. Ray’s brother Jim indicated the family never talked much about the collision and really never knew much about it.