



Melvin Hollman Gardner, Jr

Born 28 Nov 1944, Pinehurst, NC
Parents Melvin & Rosalind Gardner, Sr
Sibling Wallace
Enlisted Fayetteville, NC
Boot Camp NTC San Diego
Rating Sonar Technician 3rd Class

“Mel” joined the Navy 4 Oct 1965. After boot camp he was assigned to Fleet Sonar School where he graduated Oct 1966. He then reported for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754), 25 Nov 1966. Overall he completed over 22 weeks training and served aboard EVANS for 31 months. At the time of the collision ST3 Gardner was on watch in the Sonar Shack.