



Donald Eugene Gearhart

Born 18 Dec 1950, Lewistown, PA
Parents John & Ruth Gearhart
Siblings Kate, Bessie & Fern
Education Mt. Union High School
Enlisted Harrisburg, PA
Boot Camp NTC Great Lakes
Rating Seaman Apprentice

Donald grew up in Lewistown where he and his best friend, Barry Rhodes did the typical things boys enjoy; sports, hunting and fishing. He worked at Smith’s grocery and garage. Donald joined up with USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 17 May 1969, when the ship docked in Subic Bay. Donald was assigned to the deck force where he was becoming familiar with life aboard ship. SA Gearhart was asleep in 1st Division at the time of the collision. In his memory, the family placed a headstone in Spring Run Cemetery, McVey, PA.