



Larry Allan Gracely

Born26 Apr 1947, Lima, OH
ParentsRobert & Virginia Gracely
Siblings None
EducationBowling Green University
Enlisted Columbus, OH
Boot Camp NTC Great Lakes
Rating Sonar Technician 3rd Class

Larry loved sports and did well at football. He joined the Navy 1 Jul 1967. After completing boot camp, basic electricity and electronics courses, then 33 weeks of instruction at Fleet Sonar School, STGSN Gracely reported for duty aboard USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 11 Oct 1968. STG3 Gracely was on watch in the Sonar Shack when the collision occurred. His best friend said Larry was engaged to be married after returning home from overseas. In his honor, a memorial scholarship award was created at Shawnee High School. Each year it is awarded to a defensive or offensive lineman who shows heart and hustle throughout the season. In his memory, the family placed a headstone in Memorial Park Cemetery, Lima OH.