



**Devere Ray Grissom, Jr.**

Born..... 3 Jun 1950, Los Angeles, CA  
Parents ..... Devere & Delores Grissom  
Siblings ..... Irene  
Education ..... Charter Oak High School  
Enlisted ..... Los Angeles, CA  
Boot Camp ..... NTC San Diego  
Rating ..... Seaman Apprentice

Devere grew up in Covina, a suburb outside Los Angeles. He joined the Navy 7 Feb 1969, and entered boot camp the very same day. After graduation he reported for duty aboard USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 20 May 1969, while the ship was docked at Subic Bay. SA Grissom was assigned to 1st Division where he was sleeping when the collision occurred. He died on his 19th birthday. In his memory, the family placed a memorial marker in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.