



Willie Lee King

Born19 Sep 1937, Meansville, GA

ParentsJohn & Nina King

SiblingsEight Brothers & Two Sisters

EducationPike County Consolidated High

Enlisted Macon, GA

Rating Chief Boatswains Mate

Spouse.....Ophelia Kendall King

Children.....Two Sons & Two Daughters

Willie, “Shorty” (Larry to his family) enjoyed prize fighting, football and basketball. He loved jazz. Willie enlisted 13 Jan 1956. After serving aboard five ships, BM1 King reported for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 30 Jan 1968, to take charge of 1st Division. When he left home for the last time he said, “If anything happens to me you know I died serving my country, doing what I wanted to do.” Chief King was asleep in Chief’s quarters at the time of the collision.