



**Linden Russell Orpurt**

Born .....10 Mar 1947, Peru, IN  
Parents ..... Charles & Erla Orpurt  
Siblings ..... Barbara & Beverly  
Education ..... Chicago Vocational High School  
Enlisted ..... Chicago, IL  
Boot Camp ..... NTC Great Lakes  
Rating ..... Interior Comm 2nd Class

Linden enjoyed music and the drums. He was talented and worked well with his hands. After joining the Navy Reserve, he went active duty 17 Oct 1966, then reported for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) 25 Jun 1967. He attended “A”school and several “C” schools. As an Interior Communications Technician, Linden worked in all locations throughout the ship. He advanced in rank and was seriously considering the Navy as a career. IC2 Opurt was a-midship, on watch in IC Plot when the collision occurred.