



Earl Frederick Preston, Jr.

Born26 Jun 1947, Newark, NJ
Parents Earl & Thelma Preston
Siblings Brother Doug & Twin Sister Carol
EducationBernards High School
EnlistedMorristown, NJ
RatingYeoman 2nd Class

Earl was known as “Oil” in high school where he played the trumpet and was drill sergeant of the marching band. On 21 Aug 1966, he joined the Navy Reserves and went to Personnelman “A” school. He was assigned to U. S. Naval Reserve Surface Division in San Mateo, California, then transferred to Commander Submarine Pacific at Pearl Harbor. Earl was received for duty on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) 25 Mar 1969, just four days before the ship left Long Beach on her final deployment to Westpac. YN2 Preston was aboard for 70 days. He was asleep in his berthing compartment, in the forward section of the ship, when the collision occurred.