



Robert James Searle

Born 22 May 1948, Grand Forks, ND

Parents James & Arlete Searle

Education Great Falls High School

Enlisted Great Falls, MT

Boot Camp NTC San Diego

Rating Boiler Tender FN

Spouse Thelma Ruth Jones

Children Terry & Jerry (twins)

Robert enlisted in the Navy Reserves in 1967, graduated from boot camp, then Basic Propulsion & Engineering “A” School. He reported on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) 11 May 1968. On 30 Dec 1968, he married Thelma and they lived in Torrance, CA. BTFN Searle was on watch in the Forward Fire Room with three other men when the collision occurred; there were no survivors. His twin boys were four months old.