



John Raymond Spray

Born 24 Sep 1943, Shawnee, OK
Education Borger High School
Enlisted Dallas, TX
Boot Camp NTC San Diego
Rating Sonar Technician 2nd Class
Spouse Lauren Mantell

John joined the Navy 11Aug 1965. After boot camp, he attended ASW “A”school in San Diego for 18 months. Then on 18 May 1967, he reported on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754). John and Lauren were married 9 Jun 1968. On 27 May 1969, John wrote a letter home to two of Lauren’s aunts, wherein he wrote about his like for the idea of building and creating rather than destroying. The Navy was not his way of life. ST2 Spray was on watch in the Sonar Shack when the collision occurred.