



**Jon Wayne Thomas**

Born..... 3 May 1947, Delavan, WI  
Parents ..... Mr. & Mrs. Leon Thomas  
Siblings ..... None  
Education ..... Madison Business College  
Enlisted ..... Elkhorn, WI  
Boot Camp ..... NTC Great Lakes  
Rating ..... Radarman 3rd Class

In 1965, after graduating from high school in Delavan, WI, Jon went to business college. After two years, in June 1967, he decided to get his military service over before finishing school. First it was boot camp and then Radar School. Jon’s first ship and trip to Westpac was aboard USS REEVES (DLG 24) which then was decommissioned. He reported for duty aboard USS FRANK E. EVAN (DD 754) 14 May 1969, just 20 days prior to the collision. RD3 Thomas was asleep forward in the OI Division living compartment when the collision occurred.