



# **Donald Eugene Gearhart**

**Born: 18 December 1950  
Lewistown  
Pennsylvania**

**Hair: Brown**  
**Eyes: Brown**  
**Parents: John & Ruth Gearhart**  
**Siblings: Kate Burke & Bessie Smith  
Fern Mitchell**  
**Boot Camp: NTC Great Lakes, Illinois**  
**Rating: Seaman Apprentice**  
**School: Mt. Union High School**  
**Hobbies: Fishing, Hunting & Football**

**Donald grew up in Lewistown where he and his best friend, Barry Rhodes enjoyed the typical things boys do; sports, hunting and fishing. Donald joined USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) on 17 May 1969 when the ship stopped in Subic Bay, Philippines. Donald was assigned to the deck force where he was becoming familiar with life onboard a Navy ship. Donald was asleep in 1<sup>st</sup> Division at the time of the collision.**