



Earl Frederick Preston, Jr.

**Born: 26 June 1947
Newark, New Jersey**

Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Parents: Earl F. & Thelma B. Preston
Sibling: Carol Coulter (Twin) & Douglas B. Preston
Enlisted: 21 August 1966, Morristown, NJ
Rating: Yeoman 2nd Class

Earl graduated from Bernard's High School in 1965, his nickname was "oil". He joined the Navy Reserve on 21 August 1966 and went to Personnel Man "A" School. On completion of "A" School he was assigned to US Naval Reserve Surface Division in San Mateo, California. He was later transferred to Commander Submarine Pacific at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii before being received for duty on board USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) on 25 March 1969. He was on board for 70 days. Earl was asleep in his berthing compartment at the time of the collision.