



# **Robert James Searle**

**Born: 22 May 1948  
Grand Forks  
North Dakota**

**Hair: Brown**  
**Eyes: Brown**  
**Parents: James & Arlete Searle**  
**Spouse: Thelma Ruth Searle**  
**Children: Terry & Rickey (twin boys)**  
**Boot Camp: NTC San Diego, California**  
**Rating: Boiler Tender FN**  
**School: Basic Propulsion &  
Engineering "A" School**

**Robert enlisted in the Navy Reserves in 1967, attended boot camp in San Diego and reported onboard USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) on 11 May 1968. He married Thelma on 30 December 1968 and they lived in Torrance, California. Robert was on watch in the forward fire room at the time of the collision.**