



Joe Luis Gonzales

**Born: 27 October 1949
Clovis, New Mexico**

Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Valentino E. Gonzales
Enlisted: 3 September 1968, Clovis, NM
Boot Camp: NTC San Diego, California
Rating: Seaman Apprentice
School: Clovis High School

Joe was born and grew up in Clovis, New Mexico. He joined the Navy on 3 September 1968 and went to boot camp in San Diego. After boot camp he was assigned to Naval Administrative Command as a messman. He remained there until 31 March 1969. He took leave and reported on board 14 April 1969 to USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754). He was assigned to 1st Division. Joe was asleep in 1st Division at the time of the collision.