



# **Gerald Wayne Smith**

**Born: 17 November 1948  
Chicago  
Illinois**

**Hair: Brown**  
**Eyes: Brown**  
**Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Smith**  
**Enlisted: 1 February 1967, Chicago, Illinois**  
**Boot Camp: NTC Great Lakes, Illinois**  
**Rating: Boiler Tender Fireman Apprentice**

**Gerald "Smitty" joined the Navy on 1 February 1967 and reported for recruit training in Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon graduation he was received for duty on board USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) on 2 May 1967. He became ill in August 1967 and was hospitalized. He remained at the Naval Hospital until 23 December 1967. Upon release he was received back on board Evans. Gerald was on watch in the forward fire room at the time of the collision.**