

In Memory of Harold Frederick Flaten

Class of 1967 2 September 1948 - 17 January 1972

Third class Petty officer Harold F. Flaten graduated from Memorial High School in1967. After graduation he joined the United States Navy. He received his boot camp training in San Diego, CA. Then was stationed at Treasure Island, near San Francisco Bay.

From January 1968 until July 1968. He was stationed on the "USS Enterprise" off the coast of Vietnam.

1968 - 1969 he was stationed in Corpus Christi, TX.

1970 of July he was stationed at Midway Island.

In July, 1971 he was stationed as Sigonella Sicily, where he worked in an office.

He and two shipmates were granted a R & R to Italy on Jan 17, 1972. They were returning on a naval aircraft to their base in Signoella, Sicily when the aircraft encountered a bad storm and hit Mount Etna. A search was made in the attempt to find the air craft and shipmates. They were recovered 9 months and one day later.

Harry, as known by his shipmates, a congenial, dependable, conscientious and well liked petty officer who had proven himself to be an asset to his commanding post and the United States Navy.

He had been recommended for advancement to Petty officer 2nd. Class.

He was 23 years old.