

Petty Officer Terry Len Atkins

Born: Nov 6, 1950

Died: Dec 4, 1981

Period of Service: Viet Nam

Sources: B10 F2a, JE

Service # 47 016 50 0176

Entered Service November 25, 1969.

Separate from service August 12, 1975 with an honorable discharge at Great Lakes.

His service unit was attached to the Pacific Fleet for most of his career in an area near the Tonkin Gulf (Viet Nam) aboard the Carrier Oriskany. His assignments also include ATKRON 125 and 153 in California.

His medals include the National Defense medal, the Viet Nam service medal and the Viet Nam campaign.

He was assigned to the Troubleshooter Branch of the Line Division which consisted of Shore Patrol, Hangar and Flight Deck watches and squadron Petty Officer of the Month. His performance of duties was recorded as "outstanding", took great pride in the proper performance of his duties, was industrious and eager to learn, and his enthusiastic cooperation in helping and working with others earned him "the admiration and respect of the entire division." He had an "outstanding knowledge of the A7A aircraft, was quick to learn, and accepted responsibility readily....taking pride in a job well done."

After service as a private pilot his plane disappeared on a flight to Escanaba Dec 4, 1981. The plane was never found.

His cemetery marker was placed on his father's grave as his body was never found.

He was Shirley Ellefson's son. He married Ann Wautosa, and has two children including a daughter, Lauri Ann Atkins now living in Escanaba, who was only two at the time of his death.

Picture on reverse side.

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