



**Bruce Douglas Schmoyer**  
**Engineman 3/C U.S. Coast Guard**  
**20 November 1967 – 19 November 1971**

Bruce was born on 2 August 1948 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to **Vernon Milton Schmoyer** (12 June 1920 – 12 May 1994) and **Dorothy Stella Wertman** (born 24 December 1921). Bruce attended grade school in Cetronia, Pennsylvania, Parkland Junior High School, and William Allen High School in Allentown, from which he graduated from in 1967. Bruce enlisted in the Coast Guard as a Seaman Recruit in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on 20 November 1967, and was ordered to U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Training Station, Cape May, New Jersey, for basic training. After completing basic training in February 1968, he was assigned to USCG Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia, where he attended Engineman School, graduating on 7 June 1968. Bruce then reported aboard USCG Cutter *Mackinaw* (WAGB-83) in Cheboygan, Michigan. *Mackinaw* was designed for ice breaking on the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway. He served as Engineer on the *Mackinaw* and, while stationed aboard, was sent to Damage Control School; Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense School; Firefighters School; and Fairbanks, Morse & Company Engine School. In January 1970, Bruce was reassigned to USCG Tibbetts Point Light Station at Cape Vincent, New York, where he served as Station Engineer until he left the Coast Guard on 19 November 1971. He was released from active duty as Engineman 3/C at USCG Group, Buffalo, New York, and was transferred to the Coast Guard Reserves for two years. He returned back home to Allentown, and worked in the Allentown area successively as a Fork Lift Operator for Pepsi Cola Company in Allentown; a Truck Driver for Faust Trucking in Trexlertown; a Heavy Equipment Mechanic for Giles & Ransome, Inc., in Fogelsville; an Industrial Firefighter for Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; a Truck Driver for Linedecker Trucking Company in Balliettsville; a Tow Truck Operator for Hauser Trucking in Allentown; and a Truck Driver for Lehigh Valley Site Contractors in Easton. Bruce has three children, **Sabrina Michelle**, **Kristopher Lee**, and **Shawn Patrick**. On 9 July 1994 Bruce married **Nancy Lou Romig** (born 30 April 1946) and made his home on Brookside Road in Lower Macungie Township. Bruce's father served in the Army during World War II, as did his uncles **Merritt C. Schmoyer** and **Floyd Carl Schmoyer**.



*Mackinaw* (WAGB-83)



Tibbetts Point Light Station