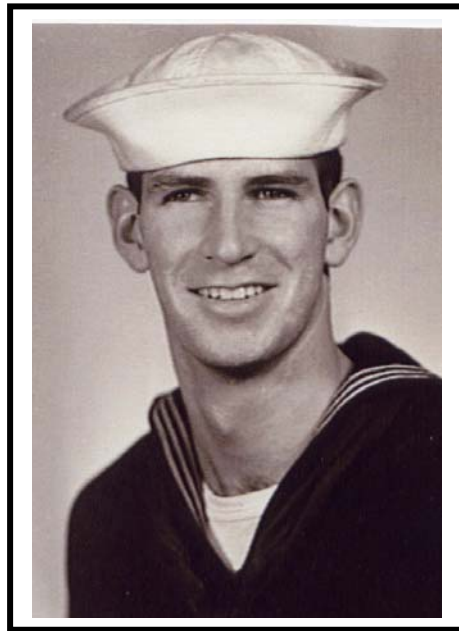




Electronics Technician Insignia



**John Witter Stewart**  
**Electronic Technician 2/C U.S. Navy**  
**October 1959 – August 1963**

John was born on 9 November 1939 in Boston, Massachusetts. He lived with his family in Lexington, Massachusetts, while attending grades 1-8 at Fiske School, and graduated from Lexington High School in 1957. He then attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. He enlisted in the Navy in October 1959 as a Seaman Recruit and was assigned to Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois, where he underwent recruit training followed by Electronics Technician A School until September 1960. He was then ordered to report aboard the destroyer USS *John W. Weeks* (DD701) at her home port at Norfolk Naval Station, Virginia. While attached to USS *Weeks* he was sent to Dam Neck Naval Station, Virginia, and again to Great Lakes for advanced training in electronic countermeasures and Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) radar. While aboard ship John took part in the Cuban Blockade by escorting replenishment ships to the area during the Cuban Missile Crisis of 18–29 October 1962, when President John F. Kennedy ordered a quarantine of the island as a result of the Soviet Union deploying offensive nuclear missiles there. USS *John W. Weeks* also was attached to the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea for two six-month cruises while John was aboard. John served aboard the ship until detached from her in August 1963. John was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Ribbon and a Letter of Commendation for service aboard USS *John Weeks*, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged from active duty as an Electronics Technician 2/C in August 1963 and returned to Boston. He then attended Boston University and graduated from the university in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. After earning his degree, John embarked upon a career in Business Management in the manufacturing industry. He worked successively for General Electric, Ingersoll Rand, and JLG Industries in several locations until his retirement in 2001, when he and his wife were living in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. They then left Chambersburg to settle in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania. John married **Hallie Macdonald** (born 23 July 1939) on 27 November 1963 in Lexington, Massachusetts. His parents were **John Alexander Stewart** (15 March 1902 – 1956) and **Marion L. Witter Stewart** (28 August 1912 – 1973).



*USS John W. Weeks (DD-701)*