



Stephen Christopher Mohan Sr.
Fire Control Technician 2/C
5 December 1951 – 29 November 1955

Stephen was born on 2 January 1933 in Newfield, Franklin Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. He attended grade school in Edgerton, New Jersey, and graduated from Vineland High School in Vineland, New Jersey, in 1951. He enlisted in the Navy on 5 December 1951, and was assigned to Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, for recruit training and advanced training as a Fire Control Technician. In June 1952, Stephen was assigned to fleet oiler *USS Platte (AO-24)*, boarding her at Sasabo, Japan, her homeport in the Western Pacific. While in the Pacific, she supported Seventh Fleet warships on patrol in the Formosa (Taiwan) Strait and operating in combat areas off the coast of Korea by supplying them with fuel and ammunition. Stephen's duties involved fire control of *USS Platte's* 5-inch guns. *USS Platte* returned to her stateside homeport of San Diego, California, on 10 November 1953 to operate under Service Squadron One. She remained there until 17 March 1954, when she set sail for Subic Bay in the Philippines, where she continued servicing Seventh Fleet ships in the Far East. Stephen was detached from *USS Platte* in November 1955 for return to the States. He was discharged from active duty as a 2/C Petty Officer on 29 November 1955 at Naval Recruiting Station, Long Beach, California, and was transferred to the Navy Reserve for four years. For his service, Stephen was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Occupation Service Medal, Korean War Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Korean War Campaign Medal (with 3 Battle Stars), and United Nations Korean Service Medal. After his discharge, Stephen returned home to Newfield and attended Glassboro College for two years, majoring in engineering. In 1958, he moved to Vineland when he married **Josephine Philomena Pace** (born 1 May 1937). In 1959 they moved to Pennsylvania where they lived in Coatsville for a year and Hanover for the next two years, and in 1961 they settled in Lower Macungie Township. Stephen worked for Sears Roebuck and Company for 30 years before his retirement as a Manager. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He has been a member of numerous organizations including U.S.S. Platte Club; Macungie VFW Post 9264; Knights of Columbus #528, 3rd Degree; Knights of Columbus #931, 4th Degree; St. Joseph the Worker; Lower Macungie Senior Citizens; Lower Lehigh AARP #4150; and UFCIO Local 1776. He also was a past President of Sears Retiree Club. Stephen and Josephine have two sons, **Stephen Christopher Jr.** and **Craig Michael**. Stephen's parents are **John Mohan** (5 January 1888 – 3 September 1953) and **Helen Lukowit** (15 May 1897 – 2 September 1965); John was born in Minsk, Belarus, Russia, and Helen was born in Austria. Stephen's brother John served in the Army during World War II, and his brother Nicholas served in the Army National Guard.



USS Platte (AO-24)