



**Edward Francis Henry**  
**11 March 1943 – 16 January 1946**  
**Seaman First Class U.S. Navy**

Edward was born on 12 May 1924 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended 1st grade at Sacred Heart School, grades 2–6 at St. Francis School, grades 7–9 at Central School, and grades 10 and 11 at William Allen High School. He left high school to work for his father delivering milk on the family-owned milk truck. Edward was drafted into the Navy as a Seaman Recruit in Allentown on 11 March 1943 and underwent recruit training at Naval Training Station, Sampson, New York. He then served as a Gunner on six ships during the remainder of his time on active duty, ferrying troops back and forth from the States in convoys to the European Theater in Atlantic and Mediterranean waters. The ships on which he served included Troop Transport *USAT Cristobal*; an Amphibious Force Command Ship (AGC); Liberty Ship *SS Gulf of Mexico*; Liberty Ship *SS Benjamin Goodhue*; Liberty Ship *Robert M.T. Hunter*; and Liberty Ship *SS James Manning*. Edward was discharged as a Seaman First Class on 16 January 1946 at Bainbridge, Maryland. He returned home to Allentown and went to work for H.E. Stoudt & Sons General Contractors in Allentown as a laborer. He was later employed by Freeman's Dairy in Allentown as a Wholesale Route Foreman until May 1986, when he retired. Edward became a member of the Lions Club in Kuhnsville, Pennsylvania. He married **Naomi Clara Bieber** (born 6 February 1926) on 25 May 1946. They initially lived in Allentown, and in 1964 they settled in Wescosville, Pennsylvania. Edward and Naomi had one son, **David Henry**. Edward's parents were **Herbert Lawrence Henry** (16 April 1900 – 17 January 1972) and **Anna Edith Prechtel** (20 January 1905 – 2 July 1984).



*USAT Cristobal*