



Terrence Richard Neil Sr.
Fireman U.S. Navy
1 March 1956 – 26 November 1957

Terrence was born on 14 August 1933 in Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he attended Muhlenberg Elementary School from 1939 to 1945, Raub Junior High School from 1946 to 1948, and Allentown High School from 1949 to 1952. After graduating from high school, Terrence worked in Allentown as a mechanic for both Ruhe Motor Corporation until 1956, and for Automatic Devices, Inc., in Allentown in 1956 prior to being drafted into the Navy on 1 March of that year. He entered the Navy as a Seaman Recruit in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and underwent recruit training at Bainbridge, Maryland. In July 1956, Terrence was ordered to the destroyer *USS Hank (DD-702)*, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. He was assigned duties aboard ship as a Fireman in the forward engine room. While Terrence was on board *USS Hank*, she initially operated in waters of the Caribbean Sea, and Atlantic Ocean, and then in the fall of 1956 conducted patrols in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Suez Canal, and Persian Gulf to assert and confirm America's determination to keep the peace and protect her citizens and interests in the area after warfare had flared over nationalization of the Suez Canal. Terrence was honorably discharged as a Fireman on 26 November 1957 at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, and was a member of the Inactive Naval Reserve until 28 February 1962. After his discharge, Terrence returned to live in Allentown where he worked successively for Lehigh Structural Steel from 1958 to 1959; Sears and Roebuck & Company from 1959 to 1964; and Hess Brothers from 1964 to 1969. Terrence obtained his Master Electrician License in Allentown and left Hess Brothers to become self-employed as an Electrician until 1975. He then went to work for Macy's for 19 years, retiring in 1996. He served on the Council, Royal Select Master Masons #23 in Allentown and as Church Elder, Jordan United Church of Christ in Allentown. He also was a member of Jordan-Martin Masonic Lodge #673 and Jordan Royal Arch Chapter #203, both in Allentown, and was a member of Allen-Beaumont Commandery #20, Knights Templar, Pennsylvania. Terrence married **Theresa Jane Moorehead** (born 8 June 1937) on 12 April 1958 in Allentown. They initially lived in Whitehall, Pennsylvania, and in 1994 moved to Lower Macungie Township where they settled. Terrence and Theresa raised two children: a son, **Terrence Richard Jr.**, who served in the Navy from 1979 to 1982, and a daughter **Letitia B.** Terrence's parents were **Terrence Clyde Neil** (18 May 1898 – 18 July 1972) and **Mabel Nungesser Wimmer** (28 November 1901 – 26 August 1995).



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