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Losses: Present and Past by Ron Fulleman

Ed Loeb's . . .

at the young age of 18 found himself onboard the burning USS *Mississinewa*, working to put out the raging fire, has passed away. Ed passed away in his home on January 10th, peacefully while taking a nap. His wife, Nancy, and their oldest son were at home when this happened. Ed Loeb's was a wonderfully kind man. I first met him while going aboard *Mississinewa*'s sister ship, *Taluga*, moored among Suisan Bay's mothball fleet at the time. Ed, who lived locally, came with the group who was allowed access to *Taluga*.

It was there, waiting for a tender to take us out to the ship that I got to speak with Ed and my dad, Raymond Fulleman, who was a *Mississinewa* crewman. My dad was moved when Ed told us that he was put aboard the *Mississinewa* to help battle the fire after the torpedoing.

Ed was a true supporter of the effort to keep the history of the *Mississinewa* alive. He generously shared his photographs of the *Taluga* visit, along with putting together a video of the visit. Ed continued sharing information about events pertaining to the Kaiten.

Rest in Peace, Ed. You will be missed by many.



Left: Ed Loeb's in 1944



Below: Ed & Nancy Loeb's in 2005

Joyce Morgan

Regrettably, we have to report the loss of a beloved member of the *Mississinewa* family. Renee Deal Ramos posted in Facebook that her "Gram", Joyce Morgan passed away March 18th at the age of 95. Joyce had come to our reunions and was there when a few of us were able to go aboard the *Miss'* sister ship, *Taluga*, in the mothball fleet in Suisan Bay some 18-years ago. Joyce was a wonderful woman who had at one time been engaged to Chief Water Tender Edmund "Smitty" Smith. Smith was killed by flying debris while in the water in '44. May you rest in peace, Joyce.



L-R: Bob Fulleman, Joyce Morgan, Mike Mair, Ron Fulleman, 2003



Joyce served as a Navy WAVE in WWII

Portraits of Mississinewa sailors lost in the sinking have recently been shared with us:

An obituary, in part read: EM3c, William Calhoun Walters, 19 years of age of Reevesville, SC, was killed in action November 20, 1944 when his ship, the *Mississinewa*, a tanker, was lost in the Central Pacific Area. Walters was known as Cal Walters, graduated from the St. George High School in September 1942 and volunteered with the Navy in July 1943. This information was supplied by Walters' nephew, Dr. Paul Walters.

Roosevelt Magett, StM1c, who was killed when the *Mississinewa* sank was recently ID'd in the crew photo by his grandson, Mel Lasenby. Thankfully, this is yet another individual in the group photo who has been identified.

Ray Glendening, S2c. Ray's granddaughter, Debra Hamilton, was able to supply a portrait of her late grandfather. Glendening tragically only came aboard the *Mississinewa* in October 1944, only to perish one month later when the ship was attacked. Though not ID'd in the group photo, we appreciate being able to see a portrait of him.

Robert A. Johnson, Jr., SK3c, who had just turned 19-years old on November 12th, was killed during the attack on the *Mississinewa*. Like many whose bodies were never recovered that day, his family received word on December 5, 1944 that he was missing. Approximately one week later, they were told he was considered dead.



William Calhoun Walters, EM3c



Roosevelt Magett, StM1c



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Robert A. Johnson, Jr., Sk3c