



*Gerald Hannah was a sailor serving aboard USS ORLECK DD 886 from 1966-69. On 30 October 2012, Gerald (The Chief), left us and went to be with the Lord. We can look forward to the day when we will have a reunion there with Gerald and our other good friends but today we miss his presence.*

*Gerald loved his time aboard USS ORLECK and his service to his country. Gerald also served the men of USS ORLECK DD 886 as an officer in this Association. We remember him well for his numerous posts on the website. He did special duty on the "forum" and posted more than anyone and quite possibly did more posts than all of the posts put together. He regularly posted his gastronomic creations some cooked in those big "coppers" and served to many of you aboard USS ORLECK. The recipes are still posted there for all to see, cook and enjoy.*

*Gerald was a good friend to many of us. He had many interests including model trains but his stated first interest was USS ORLECK. He was a strong advocate and supporter of our efforts to properly save and restore USS ORLECK in the years following her return from Turkey. He was a humble man, very loyal and true.*

*Gerald would sign off his posts on the website every time with; "Gerald Hannah U.S.S. Orleck DD-886 1966-1969, Freedom is not free, we all paid some, some paid all."*

*On 11 August 2014 at the opening night banquet in San Diego, our 2014 reunion was dedicated to Gerald to honor him. This document will be delivered to June, his wife and family.*

