



Seaman Joseph Grisafi

United States Navy



Killed In Action

**Offshore
North Vietnam
October 3, 1972**

**Turret 2
USS Newport News
(CA-148)
7th Fleet**

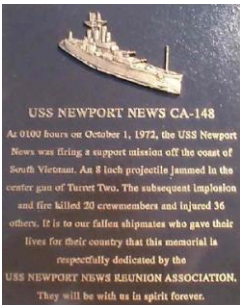


Born:
October 18, 1950

**Springfield
High School 1969**

Family:
**Parents: Vincent P.
Grisafi ,
Jennie Grisafi,
Brothers: Peter,
Vincent
Sister: Mary Ann**

**Springfield
Pennsylvania**



On October 1, 1972, at about 01:00 (1 AM) the heavy cruiser USS Newport News CA-148, was on a fire support mission off the coast of North Vietnam. During the loading process of 8 inch Gun Turret # 2, an explosion occurred, tearing through the center barrel...many died in the explosion...Seaman Grisafi had survived the explosion and exited the damaged gun turret. However, he believed there were others still in the damaged area. He returned to the smoke filled turret in an effort to save his shipmates and in doing so, experienced severe smoke inhalation. Seaman Joseph Grisafi died 2 days later from that injury on October 3, 1972.

Seaman Joseph Grisafi 's name is on the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. Panel 01W Row 80.
Seaman Grisafi is buried in SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.