



Lt. (jg) Joe Russell Mossman



United States Navy

Killed In Action

Quang Binh Province,
Vietnam

September 13, 1965

A4E Skyhawk
VA-72

USS Independence
(CVA-62)

7th Fleet



Born:

June 9, 1939

Springfield Central
Elementary

Springfield High
School 1957

PMC (Widener) 1961

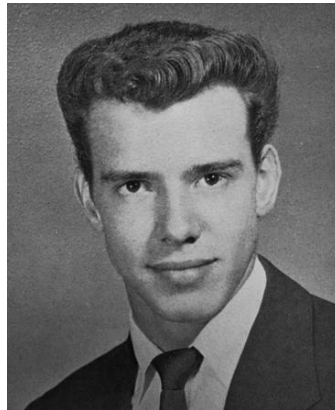
Family:

Spouse: Diane

Children: Billy Joe,
Tammi, Ty

Brothers: Richard,
Donald

Springfield
Pennsylvania



On September 13, 1965, LT(jg) Joe Russell Mossman, assigned to Attack Squadron 72 onboard the aircraft carrier USS INDEPENDENCE (CVA-62), launched in his A4E Skyhawk on an armed reconnaissance mission near the city of Dong Hoi in Quang Binh Province, Vietnam...The flight was over the target area when his aircraft was his by enemy fire.

No ejection was observed by his wingman. Search and rescue was initiated..however, no signs of survival were spotted. LT(jg) Joe Mossman was initially placed 'Missing in Action' status, later changed to 'Killed in Action'. A native of Springfield, PA, he was the first county resident to die in the War in Vietnam.

LT(jg) Joe Russell Mossman's name is on the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. Panel 2E Line 82.

LT(jg) Joe Russell Mossman's remains were never recovered. His ID card and Geneva convention card were turned over by the Vietnamese Government to the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center in 1982.