

William Almond Blaydes, T-49

31 July 1930 – 12 February 2001

(aged 70)



*Four years of naval service will end September 17, 1951 for Radarman First Class Billy Blades, 21-year-old Memphian who recently reached San Diego after seven month's duty in Korean waters aboard the destroyer Arnold J. Isabelle.*

*The young sailor won All-Memphis honors in 1946 when he played left tackle on the Fairview Junior High team. Later he attended Tech High where he also played football.*

*He is the son of A. V. Blaydes, Dixie Greyhound Lines and Mrs. Ruth Blaydes of 2532 Arlington.*

*The Navy veteran enlisted in September 1947 and went to the Orient a year later. He returned to the West Coast last October before his vessel was sent back to the combat zone in January.*

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