

Carl Emil Karam, Jr., T-44

8 March 1926 – 6 April 1945

(aged 19)



SAILOR IS KILLED IN PACIFIC

War Department casualty telegram to Tennessee homes are notices from the enemy that they do not intend to quit until they have exacted the greatest amount of grief from relatives of victorious Americans.

Carl E. Karam, Jr., seaman first class was killed in the Pacific, his parents who live at 265 Merton, have been notified. He was 19 and had been in the Pacific 11 months.

Born in Memphis, Seaman Karam attended Snowden and Tech High, and was a member of Everett Memorial Methodist Church. He was employed by the N.C. & St. L. Railroad before entering service, February 26, 1944. In addition to his parents, he leaves two brothers, Don and Michael Karam of Memphis.

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Son of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Emil Karam who resided in Memphis, Tennessee.

*Carl served as a Seaman First Class, U.S.S. North Carolina (BB-55), U.S. Navy during World War II.
He resided in Shelby County, Tennessee prior to the war.
Carl was one of three sailors "Killed In Action" when the North Carolina took a 5 in (130 mm) hit from a friendly ship during the melee of anti-aircraft fire trying to stop three Japanese kamikazes during the war.
He was awarded the Purple Heart and was buried at sea.*

