

## Donald Anderson Kennedy

Born: May 20, 1924  
Hometown: Brooklyn, New York  
Class: 1944  
Service: Merchant Marine  
Position / Rank: Engine Cadet  
Date / Place of death: June 30, 1943 / Norfolk, VA  
Date / Place of burial: Unknown / Calvary Cemetery,  
Brooklyn, NY  
Age: 19



Donald A. Kennedy signed on as Engine Cadet aboard the SS Lee Overman on June 30, 1943 at Norfolk, VA shortly after it was delivered from its builders, North Carolina Shipbuilding. The next morning his body was found at the bottom of the ship's #4 hold. He was pronounced dead at 0935 on July 1, 1943. The cause of death is an accidental fall. According to his death certificate, his remains were shipped to Brooklyn, NY for burial at the Calvary Cemetery.

Cadet-Midshipman Donald A. Kennedy was posthumously awarded the Merchant Marine Service Medal.

Donald Kennedy was the younger of the two sons of Raymond J. S. Kennedy and Estelle Kennedy. He graduated from Midwood High School in Brooklyn, New York. His brother Everett was four years older. According to the 1930 U.S. Census, Raymond Kennedy was a railroad engineer. However, crew lists on file in several U.S. Ports indicate that Raymond J. S. Kennedy sailed as Chief Engineer on various ships during World War II.