



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Morland Crescent**

Name of Veteran: George Morland 1914-1976

Rank: Stoker, Class 1

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: August 1941 to March 1946

Year of Visit/Dedication October 3, 2009

Veteran or Family Visit Daughter Jean and Son Jeffrey

Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: No Died at Battle: No

George Henry Moland (Curly) was born in 1914 in Shildon, County Durham. George was a Master Butcher with his own shop in the town when he was conscripted for service. Although being a butcher should have protected him from serving in the war, the government decided that he hadn't operated his shop long enough. In 1940 he joined the Royal Navy and served most of his time aboard HMS Ajax.

The same year George joined the war effort he also married Elizabeth Thornton. They are survived by one daughter, Jean, and two sons, Jeffrey and Alan.

While on HMS Ajax George saw service in the Mediterranean and on Atlantic convoys.



After the war, George returned to Shildon and successfully ran his shop until he passed away in 1976. Son Jeffrey took over the family business.