Charles Donald Frederick of Abbeville joined the Navy in 1939. He was 22 when he died aboard the battleship USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He could have taken shore leave that Saturday, but chose to stay so he could attend Mass on Sunday.

"Sometime after the attack, my mother got a letter from one of his friends who had taken shore leave that day," said Frederick's brother, Roland Frederick of Abbeville. "He said my brother could have gone too, but he was very religious and wanted to stay for Mass and go on leave that afternoon."

Almost 50 years later, a nephew Frederick never knew spent four years at Pearl Harbor. "My son, James Ronald Frederick, was in the Navy and he too was stationed at Pearl Harbor," Roland Frederick said. "And my daughter has been there. She brought me a book about the attack."

Today, Donald Frederick Boulevard in Abbeville is a