Tommy David Fancher

July 16, 1943 - May 17, 2014

Fancher, Tommy David, age 70, of Columbiana, AL, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2014. He was born on July 16, 1943 in Fourmile, AL and grew up in Cahaba Heights, AL. The visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 10- 11 a.m. at Bolton Funeral Home in Columbiana followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. Private burial at Old Chapel Methodist Church in Wilsonville, AL.

In 1962, he joined the US Navy. He served in Viet Nam as a River Patrol Captain. He was in the US Navy Special Services (Military Game Warden) in Kodiak, Alaska and was Skipper of a Torpedo Chase Boat in Washington, DC. He became Captain of the Presidential Yacht in Washington during Nixon, Ford and Carter's presidential terms.

Tommy received many military awards and was the inspiration for the Alabama Veterans Memorial park located on I-459 in Birmingham.

He loved his family and truly enjoyed helping others.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father, Houston Fancher. He is survived by his mother, Liddy Wills Fancher; sister, Della "Dink" Fancher (Fiance', Merle Smith); partner, Christina Norbert; her children, Tina Anderson, Rueben Anderson (Nancy), Rick Anderson (Liz) and their children, R'Lee Anderson, Zack and Katie Jackson; stepson, Guy Sitzke (Stephanie) and numerous cousins and other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Alabama Memorial Park, PO Box 36972, Birmingham, AL 35236. Please sign on line

condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

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