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Frederick H. Allen, 76, a resident of Opelika, AL and St. Augustine, FL, died October 15, 2012 surrounded by his family at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. A native and long time resident of Opelika, he began living in St. Augustine part time last year. He served his country honorably in the U.S Coast Guard, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer after 28 years of proud service in 1982. He was a veteran of Vietnam. Following his retirement from the service he began working for Lifecycle Engineering in Charleston, SC until retiring in 1993. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Opelika, the Chief Warrant Officers Association, the U.S. Coast Guard Ingham Association, and the Retired Officers Association. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday October 19, 2012 at St. Johns Family Funeral Home with Bishop LaVoy Newton and son-in-law, Donald Grundy officiating. A visitation with the family will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday, preceding the services. Interment with military honors will take place at Jacksonville National Cemetery immediately following at 1:00 p.m. Flowers are gratefully declined and those wishing may make a contribution in his memory to the Bailey Family Center for Caring or to the Alzheimer's Association. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Opelika, AL and will be announced. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jean Allen; children, Pamela C. Grundy (Donald), St. Augustine, Rick Allen (Denise), Simpsonville, SC; sister, Glenda Bufford (Mathew), Little Texas, AL; grandchildren, Melanie Treadway (Clay), St. Augustine, Daniel Grundy, Benton, TN, Courtney Allen, Simpsonville, SC; three great-grandchildren, Daniel, Benjamin, and Sara Grace Treadway, all of St. Augustine; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives. St. Johns Family Funeral Home, St. Augustine, FL, is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ You have made the final passage over the bar and are safe with god now

Eric Sloane - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I really looked up to Mr. Allen. He was my Chief when I was on the Minnie and worked in the boiler room. I was young and he took me 'under his wing' and was a mentor to me. I was on the Vietnam tour with him. He was a Great Guy!

Don VanHandel - November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I served with (then) Chief Allen on the Minnetonka during the Vietnam deployment. I have nothing but fine memories of this gentleman. Together we organized a ship's party in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, which is still remembered by many of the crew members. My deepest sympathy for his family.

Keith Barker - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ We've lost another great shipmate. My heart goes out to Chief Allen's family.

Victor M. Nieves - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Chief Allen well for the MINNETONKA in '68. I was the brand new Ensign in the engine dept. going through student engineering training. In the year we spent together Chief Allen taught me most everything I know about boiler operations and maintenance. He had me clean the firebox, punch tubes and all the other nasty jobs which made me a complete engineer for which I thank him. I cherish the memory of those days. My deepest condolences to the Allen family.

Tom Greene, CAPT, USCG (Ret) - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I served with Fred on the Minnetonka during the Vietnam tour. My prayers are with him and his family. May he rest in peace.

Jerry Kirkpatrick - November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Thinking of you. We are so sorry for your loss. Take Care. We love you all.

Andrew & Loretta Miller - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Dear Pam and family, I am so sorry for your loss of one so dearly loved by all of you. I pray God will strengthen you and give you peace at this time. I wish I could be down there, but please know my heart is with you.

Corinne Eichelberg - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Janelle and Bill Parker - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Love you and will miss you...so glad we had our last visit..will never forget that smile...My Prayers to all the family ..Jo-Ann

Jo - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Till we follow you across the Jordan we will miss you here. Your pleasant smile and welcoming hugs will never leave my heart. Thank you for serving our country with honor, for loving God and your family without reservation, and for being my friend.

Eleanor Brennan - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ He was a wonderful person that I will always hold in my heart with the highest of respect and love.

Billy Ward - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM