



## George Robert Fischer

May 4, 1937 - May 29, 2016

Time and tide waits for no man. May his seas be smooth.

He was born in Susanville, California, May 4, 1937. Stanford graduate, NPS Ranger, archaeologist, one heck of an interesting guy.

Died May 29, 2016, Tallahassee, FL, at 79 after a recent decline in health.

George is survived by his wife of almost 55 years, Nancy, his son Matthew (Teresa), and grandchildren Daniel and Helene.

He distinguished himself as the founding figure of underwater archaeology in the National Park Service, leaving behind a legacy of students, projects, and groundbreaking methods and approaches and philosophies. He is remembered fondly by those he influenced in the field, and will be forever known for his contributions, guiding hand, and very often his shenanigans. He was instrumental in developing the submerged cultural resource program at the National Park Service as well as the underwater archaeology program at Florida State University. He was also a founding member of the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology.

Services are to be held Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at The Episcopal Church of the Advent in Tallahassee, 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers, George asked for donations in his honor to Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program (LAMP), 81 Lighthouse Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32080. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Celebration

JUN 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

Episcopal Church Of The Advent  
815 Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

# Tribute Wall

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“ How George did it, some of us have wondered --- but he talked 3 completely sober & otherwise sensible Park Service archeologists into wearing our diving suits (including flippers) into a cowboy bar in Camp Verde, Arizona. Maybe it can be blamed on the long day trying to conduct a diving survey of Montezuma Well. I've long suspected it was because George was secretly a leprechaun who could charm the hardest bureaucrat or the worst student into doing what they had never thought of doing. May George rest in peace, but may his stubborn tilting at windmills spirit never be lost in those he leaves behind.

*Marion Riggs Durham*

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