

**MASTER CHIEF
JOHN CHARLES
BANNICK
U.S. NAVY
1953- 1993**

John C. Bannick, 40 of Alameda, CA, Master Chief in the U.S. Navy, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Sept. 5 in Alameda.

He was born April 6, 1953 in Pigeon, son of Judith (Kisner) Bannick and the late Gustave Bannick.

Chief Bannick was a 1971 graduate of Lakes High School and attended Michigan State University for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in September, 1972.

He was currently the Machinist Mate Master Chief (Surface Warfare) on the USS Arkansas, stationed in Alameda, CA. This rank made him the senior enlisted man on the ship.

Surviving are his mother, Judith Bannick of Elton; five brothers, Dale and Robert at home, David (Pam) Bannick of Ann Arbor, Gus (Mary) Bannick of Clarston and Sgt. Richard (Sharon) Bannick of Radcliff, KY (US Army); two sisters, Linda (Dave) Gibbs of Hartsville, TN and Ginger (Mike) Smigalski of Charlotte and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Elton. Rev. Eugene Andrus, pastor, officiated with burial in Riverside Cemetery, where military rights were conducted by the U.S. Navy.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elton.

