

Captain Karl P. Fanning Outstanding TAMMA Senior Award

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Captain Fanning was born on Feb. 8, 1944, in Manhattan, NY. He graduated in 1967 as part of the second class at Texas A&M University at Galveston. Capt. Fanning served his country as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy, and then in the United States Merchant Marines. Capt. Fanning served in Vietnam, *Desert Shield*, and *Desert Storm*. Among the many awards he was entitled to wear are the National Defense Service Medal, Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Medal, and the Naval Reserve designation device. He retired as a Master Mariner after his more than 30-year career in the Merchant Marines, which carried him throughout the world.

When he retired, he lived near his family's ranch in South Park, Colo., but moved back to Texas with his family in 2001, where he resumed teaching at TAMUG. He was a Senior Lecturer and sponsor of his beloved TAMUG Student Propeller Club. He was also a Trustee of the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, which helps to fund numerous charities and hospitals throughout the country. Some of his numerous involvements



include: The Counsel of Master Mariners, the Counsel of Foundations (National and State), the Single Action Shooting Society as the State Coordinator, the Galveston Propeller Club, and the Galveston County A&M Club.

His grandmother was Antoinette Perry, for whom the Tony awards are named. His mother, Margaret Perry, was also an accomplished actress and eccentric recluse. She was once married to Burgess Merideth. Captain Fanning loved Roy Rogers as a child and still tried to live by the rules Roy taught him. He was a pallbearer in Roy Roger's funeral.

His family still owns a cattle ranch in Colorado called the "Salt Works", which has been in his family for 160 years. He died of a heart attack in 2007 at the age of 63. The

Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, for whom he was a trustee, made the donation to TAMUG which made these scholarships possible.

Captain Fanning's wife, Judy, and youngest daughter, Antoinette, still reside in Galveston. His twin sons graduated from TAMUG in 2002. One of whom, Travis Fanning, was a professor of Law at TAMUG. He now resides in Colorado Springs. His brother, Trevor Fanning, is also an attorney and lives in League City. His eldest daughter, Leslie Fanning, is a vice principal at a highschool in Richmond. He has 9 grandchildren.

He loved people in general. He loved helping people. He loved talking to people. He would have loved to meet you and to help you succeed.