

Ezekiel Doane Fulcher

PANAMA CITY, Fla. —

Retired Lt. Cmdr. Ezekiel Doane Fulcher, 93, died Friday, July 31, 2009, in Panama City. He was preceded in death by Mavis Fulcher, his loving wife of 69 years, son Alan Dupont Fulcher, and granddaughter Sherry Lynn Fulcher.

Born in Eastham, he served 29 years in the Coast Guard, including time as commanding officer on Coast Guard cutters assigned to the Great Lakes. He saw service during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific area on the USS Long Beach, including action in British and Dutch New Guinea, and the Leyte Gulf operation in 1944 during the Philippine liberation.

Following his military retirement, he served several years as captain of marine research vessels operating in the United States and abroad.

He was an avid golfer and closely followed the career of Arnold Palmer, with whom he served in the Coast Guard in Cleveland.

Survivors who will miss him include sons and daughters-in-law Phillips B. and Lee Fulcher, and C. David and Terry Fulcher, all of Tallahassee, Fla.; grandchildren Michael Alan Fulcher of Gilbert Ariz., and Geoffrey Craig Fulcher of Tallahassee; and two great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sherry Lynn Fulcher Presidential Scholarship Fund, c/o FSU Foundation, 2010 Levy Ave., P.O. Box 3062739, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2739; or Covenant Hospice Panama City, 107 W. 19th St., Panama City, FL 32405.

Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home, Timberlane Road Chapel (850-893-4177) is handling arrangements.