



## James "Randy" Kersh

August 21, 1949 - August 22, 2011

James "Randy" Kersh was born August 21, 1949 to Barbara and Virgil Kersh. Randy was taken from us August 22, 2011 at the age of 62. Randy is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 22 years, Debbie Kersh; children, Kevin Kersh and wife Melayna of Winnsboro, Misty Roberts and husband Lee of Tyler, Christy Tidwell of Tyler, Tonya Roach of Whitehouse, Stacie Inks and husband Brad of Whitehouse, Lance Kelly and wife Brooke of San Antonio; 15 cherished grandchildren; mother, Barbara Kersh of Tyler; sister, Rose Kersh of Tyler; brother, Dr. Fred Kersh and wife Linda of Tyler. Randy honorably served in the US Navy on the nuclear submarine USS Patrick Henry stationed in Hawaii. After his time in the Navy, he returned to Tyler where his training led him to his occupation in computers and electronic security. Randy's enthusiasm of sports was known to all. He followed his favorite teams and even participated in local softball leagues. Randy loved music of all kinds, but his favorite will always be Southern Rock, especially Lynyrd Skynyrd. Randy will be greatly missed and remembered for his heart of gold, wonderful smile, sense of humor, his great loving care for his wife and devotion to family and many friends. Randy's wife Debbie would like to bless and thank the two soldiers that he was talking with for their unceasing attempts to aide him until emergency personnel could arrive. Randy was very proud of his military service and all our soldiers protecting us today. Randy would say goodbye with some lyrics from his favorite song by Lynyrd Skynyrd. Freebird If I leave here tomorrow Would you still remember me? For I must

be traveling on, now 'Cause there's too many places I've got to see. 'Cause I'm as free as a bird now And this bird, you cannot change. Won't you fly high, free bird, yeah? There will be a "Celebration of Life" for Randy at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to your local Organ Donation and Tissue Banks.