

Body Is Found In Big Lagoon, Other Missing

Rescue Unit Still Dredges Waters For Young Man

The body of John D. Emmons, 48, was trapped in the big shrimp net of the Gulf Shores, Ala., boat, Valerie, at 2:15 p.m. Saturday in Big Lagoon, but that of his son, James, 23, still had not been found at press time.

The search for the body of the younger Emmons continued Saturday night with personnel from the Escambia County Search and Rescue Unit and many volunteers dragging the waters where the two disappeared.

The father and son apparently had drowned when their small craft capsized Friday night.

Cliff Baird, operator of Harris Fish Camp, recovered their sunken boat—it light still was burning — at about 8 p.m. Friday. He sounded the alarm which brought the Search and Rescue Unit, commanded by E. E. McGovern, to the scene.

The sunken boat had been reported to Baird by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brotherton, who were returning from a shrimping expedition. They saw the light shining underwater.

Skin divers, draggers and shrimp boats all were employed to comb the waters.

The search will continue until the younger Emmons' body is found, McGovern said.

Emmons was a mechanic in the civil service program at the Naval Air Station.

He was a native of Alabama, but had resided in Escambia County for many years.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Louise Emmons; three daughters, Mrs. Betty Quigg, Miss

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Faye Emmons and Miss Patricia Emmons, all of Pensacola; a son, Roy Emmons of the U.S. Navy in Japan; four sisters, Mrs. Hattie Pate and Mrs. Myrtle Boyd of Pensacola, Mrs. Inez Ingram of McDavid and Mrs. Iva Lee Lindsey of Houston, Tex.; a brother, Jim Emmons of Pensacola and seven grandchildren.

The body has been taken to McNeil Funeral Home where funeral arrangements will be announced.