



Lionel Nious

December 20, 1958 - February 8, 2023

Lionel Nious was born in San Antonio (Bexar County), Texas, on December 20, 1958, to James Jr., and Barbara Nious. He was the first of four children, with younger brothers James Nious III, and Paul E. Nious, and younger sister Cynthia Ann Dejong. His father James Jr., preceded him in death.

The Nious family resided in San Antonio where Lionel attended Sam Houston high school. He graduated from Sam Houston high school in 1976 at the age of 17 and immediately joined the U.S. Navy. He received an Associate's degree at Northern Virginia community college.

Lionel met Sherrie in 1983 and later married her in 1984. Their only child Samantha Nious, was born to their union on January 9, 1992.

Lionel went to Yeoman A-School in Meridian, MS, and began his military career in the office administration field and remained continuously on active duty in the U.S. Navy where he was awarded several medals and awards. He also is a Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran as he was on active duty during the Persian Gulf war. Lionel retired from active duty in January 1997, after 20 years of active duty.

Lionel loved NFL football games and was the biggest Dallas Cowboys fan we knew. He attended several cowboys' games both home in Arlington, Texas, and away. Every Sunday we all knew where to find Lionel. He also loved to play card games (spades and Bid Whist). He was also an avid traveler.

After Lionel retired, he continued his employment in the government service as a member of the Health & Human Services Department, Office of Civil

Rights, where he once again was a valuable asset where he remained employed until he left to be with his Lord and Savior on February 8, 2023. Lionel will be greatly missed by his mother Barbara, wife Sherrie, daughter Samantha, brothers James and Paul, sister Cynthia and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members. In lieu of flowers please contribute to your favorite cancer and hospice care charities.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Interment

FEB **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sherri and Samantha,
We are so shocked and sorry to hear of Lionel's passing. We pray his memories will be a blessing at this difficult time. We have fond memories from our Navy Days and early days in Woodbridge. Hugs to you both. Wendell and Tricia Hawkins*

Tricia Hawkins - February 22, 2023 at 07:48 PM

NT

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Lionel. May the Lord comfort and strengthen all who knew and loved him during this difficult time. I met Lionel at HHS, and will miss his passion for his work, humor and his no-nonsense attitude. Rest well my Friend. Sherrie and Samantha, I pray that you find peace and comfort in all of the beautiful memories. Take care. Natashaia Taylor (HHS Family)*

Natashia Taylor - February 22, 2023 at 10:30 AM

SC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to your family.*

Sherry & ChadChlebowski - February 21, 2023 at 05:18 PM

ME

“ *Thoughts and prayers for Sherrie and Samantha and the family during this difficult time. Melvene*

Melvane - February 20, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lionel Nious.*



February 20, 2023 at 05:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lionel Nious.*



February 20, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *A co-worker and good friend who became part of our extended family.*

Bob Wolownik and Kathleen Keller - February 19, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Lionel Nious.*



February 19, 2023 at 09:02 AM

CS

“ I have known Lionel since he came to work for me at the National Health Law Program back in the mid 1990's. We were a team like no other. An incredibly warm human being who became my friend and confidant. He left but came back and then later, when I had the opportunity to hire someone to work for me at OCR, I encouraged Lionel to apply. Over the decades, and even after I left OCR, we stayed in touch. He was much better than me at reaching out. To Sherrie and Samatha, there are no words. I am so terribly sorry for your loss. Lionel was one of a kind - with the emphasis of kind.
Warm hugs, Claudia

Claudia Schlosberg - February 19, 2023 at 08:50 AM

RD

“ There are no words to convey my thoughts. Your family has been through so much these past few weeks. I'm so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you - and may you find strength and encouragement from family and friends and in the good memories.
Love & Prayers, Pastor Randy Davis

Randy Davis - February 17, 2023 at 07:04 PM

SR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Lionel was such a wonderful colleague, and we will all miss him greatly throughout OCR including in the regions. Peace, Susan Rhodes in Boston

Susan Rhodes - February 17, 2023 at 04:26 PM

HL

“ I started with the Department of Health and Human Services in June of 2003. Lionel was the staff person who signed me into the building and escorted me to my interview. We became friends on the elevator ride and never looked back. I cherish that memory and so many others from the last 19 years. Words can't express how much I miss Lionel's zest for life, hilarious humor, no nonsense attitude about work, and practical advice. Rest well, my friend.

Heather Lawson - February 17, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lionel Nious.



February 17, 2023 at 02:06 PM