



## Leonard Thomas Williams

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Obituary for Leonard (Linnie) T. Williams

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With profound love and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Leonard (Linnie) T. Williams, a devoted husband, cherished father, proud grandfather, and decorated Navy veteran. Born on November 18, 1952, in Chicago, Illinois, Leonard lived a life rooted in honor, service, and unwavering devotion to family.

At just 17 years old, Leonard answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Navy in 1969. He served with distinction as a Signalman aboard the USS Oklahoma CL-91 during the Vietnam War. Through determination and leadership, Leonard rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, completing 20 years of faithful service before retiring from NAS San Diego. His commitment to his country was only matched by his dedication to those he loved.

Linnie was the beloved husband of Veronica Williams and was preceded in death by his late wife Barbara Williams. He was the proud father of Leonard and Richard, and a loving stepfather to Fatima Ferina wife of John Ferina, and Sherry Dockery. He is survived by his sister Judy Washington and remembered fondly alongside his late brother Frederick (Freddie), Williams, and sister-in-law Odessa Williams.

Linnie found immense joy in his role as a grandfather to Derek and Jalen, and as a guiding presence to his step-grandchildren: Julia, CJ, Carlo and Jovanni

Ferina, and Israel Miller. His love extended far beyond the walls of his home, touching the lives of many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family across generations.

He was a quiet strength, a storyteller, a patriot, and the heartbeat of the family. Linnie will be eternally missed, not only for his service and sacrifice, but for his warmth, his laughter, and the countless ways he showed up for the people he loved. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who had the honor to know him. A true sailor has now returned to calmer waters. Fair winds and following seas, Chief. You will never be forgotten.