



## Leonard David Kleinmark "Lenny"

March 6, 1945 - October 8, 2024

Age 79, of Custer Park, IL passed away on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 surrounded by his family in his home with the view he worked hard for and cherished so much the way he wanted.

Born on March 6, 1945 in Chicago, IL to John and Elizabeth (nee Carpenter) Kleinmark. On March 19, 1966, he married Carol Gene Hoffman in Chicago. He proudly served on a submarine in the United States Navy from February 1967 to November 1968. Together with Carol he traveled to 44 states including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as several foreign countries. He was a hard worker his whole life. Following his discharge from the US Navy, he worked his way up to Vice President of a trucking company. Life took some twists and turns and he was determined to provide a nice life for his family, so he joined the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 265. Lenny continued to show his family that hard work was his passion. After retirement, he was a member at the USSVI USS Chicago Base Submarine Veterans, Tinley Park, IL. He also volunteered with his pup, Midas, at the Veterans' Home at Manteno for Uplifted Care Hospice.

Surviving are his son, Daniel (Paula) Kleinmark of Tinley Park; daughters, Elizabeth Kleinmark and Nicole Kleinmark; seven grandchildren, Erin, Kate, Amanda, Edward, Kyle, Daniel and Adam; sister-in-law and companion, Patricia Hoffman; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his beloved wife, Carol Kleinmark (10-4-2012); parents, John and Elizabeth Kleinmark; his siblings, Betty, William, Ruth,

James, Violet and Alice; and his dog and volunteer partner, Midas.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 beginning at 9:00 am until time of funeral service beginning at 10:30 am. Interment will follow in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Uplifted Care Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Rd.  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Lenny for all you did to make veterans' lives just a little brighter as you and Midas visited and listened and shared. My hugs and prayers are with his well loved family. May God's peace and comfort fill the empty space in your hearts and may your wonderful memories bring smiles. 🇺🇸💕🙏

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**Mary Thomson** - October 17, 2024 at 09:32 AM

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**Elizabeth Kleinmark Williams** - October 15, 2024 at 12:48 PM

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*We are heartbroken to lose another precious member of our family. He will be missed, Carol is waiting.*

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**NANCY WILLARD** - October 16, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Dear family and friends of Lenny,  
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at Lenny’s passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS Silversides SS-236 and USS Rock SS/SSR/AGSS-274.

To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.

To the family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,  
National Chaplain, USSVI.  
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**Jim Sandman** - October 13, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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**Karen** - October 11, 2024 at 03:15 PM