



Chief USN, Ret.

February 7, 2014

Chief Linwood Berman Pulley, Jr left us to go be with the Lord on Thursday, February 6th at Haven Hospice; he was surrounded by family. Linwood was born and raised in Portsmouth, VA on December 13, 1969 and retired from the US Navy in September 2010. Linwood was a devoted husband and wonderful father of 3 children and an outstanding big brother to not only his 4 siblings but to many others. He was full of life and never met a stranger; his positive attitude along with his quick wit always made people laugh even when they didn't feel like it. Lin had a profound love for music and a vast collection of every genre of music imaginable; this often made him the #1 pick as DJ for parties and family/friend gatherings.

Linwood enlisted in the US Navy after graduating high school in 1988. He proudly served his country for 22 years. His assignments took him from home to, Camp Lejeune, NC, Panama City, Panama, Indian Head, MD, Camp Pendleton, CA, Charlotte, NC, Djibouti, Africa and lastly Jacksonville, Florida where he was promoted to Chief Hospital Corpsman. Chief Pulley also deployed several times in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he returned to the gulf onboard the USS El Paso (LKA 117); he deployed onboard the USS Tarawa (LPD 1) in support of Operation Desert Strike. He again returned to the gulf onboard the John F. Kennedy (CV67) in support of Operation Endure Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Survivors who will cherish Lin's charisma, zest for life and love of mentoring others include his wife Carmen Nieves Pulley, his two sons and daughter Linwood B. Pulley, III of Texas, Carlos M. Pagan of FL, Jasmine J. Pulley of TX, his father Linwood B. Pulley, SR (Betty) of VA, his mother Linda McDaniel (DeRoy) of VA, his brothers Brian Pulley (Adria) of VA, George Lamb III (Tomekia) of AZ and his sister Michone A. Jackson (Roshon) of OK.

Preceding him in death is his brother Kelvin Pulley who also served his country in the US Army. In addition to his parents and siblings his life is also celebrated by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from across the world.

There will be a visitation and funeral service at Forest Meadows Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, February 9th, 2014 from 2-4pm with the funeral starting at 4pm. On Monday at 10:00am Graveside with Military Honors at Forest Meadows Memorial Park Central, 4100 NW 39th Ave. Gainesville, FL.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ It's 2025 now and I miss you, cousin. I turned 50 last month; I want to let you know I am still doing all the things you discussed regarding taking care of my health. I am still inspired by you and talk about you as if you are still here.

Jermal Smith - February 11, 2025 at 10:39 AM

BP

“ Here it is,so many years later and I still cry as if you left this morning. There's only a few that that is impacted in such away today,so to those few,,I love you and I'm doing what needs to be done,day by day to reunite with my hero !????(in Jesus name.....Bro I'll cry until, until we laugh together)

Brian Pulley - July 12, 2017 at 01:22 AM

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Brian Pulley - July 12, 2017 at 01:19 AM

RR

“*Linwood you were a friend to me indeed and in fact even if only for a short time. I only wish I could have been there longer to know you and Carmen better and to say farewell, and Godspeed.*

You and Carmen showed me a friendship, until now looking back, was blinded by my own events. None of which were of much importance in comparison to your courageous battle. Like my own mother I did see you live during the battle. Thank you for touching my life, and sharing a little of yours with me. I shall not forget meeting you and working on your yard with you, the cookout that followed.

Thank you, Chief Linwood B. Pulley Jr., for your service to so many and your kindness to me. You will be missed by all, and Im sure youll always watch over your beautiful wife Carmen.

I salute you.

R. Reese - June 23, 2014 at 10:36 PM

WJ

“*Thinking of you lots as the days go by. I know that you fought hard. You are so missed. You are my hero. The real definition of "Superman".*

William Blow, Jr. - March 12, 2014 at 09:21 PM

KW

“*I met Lin only just last summer when we would meet while having, Chemotherapy at FCS. We would share stories about families and our experiences during our military service. He loved his family very much and was close to them all. Lin, really had a rough fight, but no mater his pain he was always there with a smile and cheerful words. He always had a positive influence on me and others around him. He made me realize that others had it worse. I appreciated the honor of being his friend and knowing him even for such a short time. My deepest thoughts and condolences go to his family.*

Kenneth Weeks - February 28, 2014 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ Dearest Carmen,
We have always known the you are an amazing person and to read all about your Linwood is just as amazing. Your love for each other has always been evident through all these years we've known you. Please know that we love you and you have both been in our daily prayers for a long while. You will continue to be in our prayers.

"He is the same
yesterday, today,
and forever, and
His unchanging
and unfailing love
sustains me when
nothing and
no one else can"

Love and Prayers Always and Forever,
June and Jessi Below

June and Jessi Below - February 19, 2014 at 02:02 AM

AS

“ I miss you so much Lin. I'm glad to know that you are at peace and with our Lord Jesus Christ. It's my only comfort at this point. Until we meet again, I love you Big Cuz...

~Adrienne

Adrienne N. Smith - February 13, 2014 at 07:10 PM

JH

“ We only knew Lin briefly, but his smiling face will ever be in our hearts. At FCS, he was always smiling, even in the shadow of the battle he was in. The last time we saw Lin, he was there just to say "Hi" and he was carrying the basket of candy, offering each patient a small bit of sweet and huge portion of encouragement. His sense of humor was infectious and he was most certainly the image of Ephesians 4:2 which says, "with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love."

It was an honor to have met him. Our most sincere sympathy is with his family and all of his friends.

John & Lynda Hickman

John & Lynda Hickman - February 12, 2014 at 07:13 AM

SB

“ Doc,

*You will be missed my friend, your were always there for me.
"Fair winds and following seas"
ETC(SW/AW)Ret Bartelt*

Steve Bartelt - February 10, 2014 at 12:56 PM

LK

“ Chief you will be missed. It was a plwasuut serving with you. Your family will be in my prayers!

Lotina Kelley - February 10, 2014 at 09:16 AM

RT

“ May peace be upon you, knowing my nephew, your husband have entered into a new phase, a new home and is at rest. Not only his memories will dwell within us, but both of you. He loved you dearly and it was my last conversation with him before his illness took center stage. He would want you to continue being that strong woman, well rounded, good mother, and pet lover and owner. Without a doubt Linwood loved you dearly and only desires the best for you and Manny's future. Know that you have not lost, but gained the love of a man that simply adored you Carmen. Be at peace and let our Creator be his driving force for he is in GOOD hands. Love from across the miles. Aunt/Uncle Troiano's

Robert and Pamela Troiano - February 10, 2014 at 08:58 AM

CF

“ Rest in peace now brother. I know you will be watching over all of us and our team the Redskins.

Chaka Fennell - February 10, 2014 at 08:46 AM

BS

“ The Pulley family at this time of loss may the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Beverly / Pharmacy

Beverly Stephens - February 10, 2014 at 08:38 AM

JO

“ Today you shall be laid to rest in eternity. You have blessed so many and even me may you continue Linwood B. Pulley Jr. To watch over all of us and that a lot may you watch over those that need it more and make sure they know you are there a cold breeze on a summer eve a butterfly landing on a shoulder words are so much but all I have is voicemails on my cell from you when I ever I get down I listen to those words you left me to hear and I shall fulfill what you have asked of me I shall not give up . I hope that Kevin was there to greet you sweetie and show you around how I got that news from you many years ago and how sad I was and how you cried telling me and that. Conversation ended up we both laughing and you telling me I will see you at the reunion I said yea u sure will I am sad about one thing though I never got pics cause I was running around like a duckee with her cut off and you grabbed my arm and said slow down and how I had you laughing about me dancing on the table and you said now that's the Juanita. I know crazy you are my hero in many ways then one and nothing nor no one can take that from me hugs and kisses till we met again o ya you better remember. We had a fishing date so when I get there first thing is seeing all and the fish date is on I will bring us fishing poles when I leave here as well as a few other things I have to pack for my trip but you better have that fishing hole ready love ya

Juanita Owen-Furman(KUNTZ) - February 10, 2014 at 08:24 AM

MJ

“ My big brother Linwood B Pulley, Jr is my hero. Our family has a great big hole where you belong. I know that God is carrying us and will continue to comfort our hearts but Lin you will always be missed and loved.

Love your sister,
Michone Jackson

Michone Jackson - February 09, 2014 at 10:50 PM

GL

“ You're a true American hero and a great Big Brother. I'm gonna miss you. Love you Bro.

George Lamb - February 09, 2014 at 08:36 PM

CM

“ I just wanted to say it was an honor to serve with him. My heart goes out to the Pulley family.

Cheryl Mejia - February 09, 2014 at 04:54 PM

KJ

“ Dear mommy
I loved your obituary about uncle Lin I love you so much and I miss uncle Lin

Kennedy JO Jackson - February 09, 2014 at 04:24 PM

KM

“ The deepest condolences goes out to the Pulley family and I will keep you in my prayers.. God didn't put on us no more then we can , he is in heaven with God and now looking down on his family..
WWHS

Kemmie Malone - February 09, 2014 at 04:09 PM

MB

“ Rest in peace Chief!!! So glad I had the honor of working with you in Jacksonville. Keeping your family in prayer

Mary Buskohl - February 09, 2014 at 01:16 PM

AR

“ As I look up to the skies above, The stars stretch endlessly--But somehow all those rays of light Seem dimmer now to me. As I watch the morning sun appear, The shadows still don't fade--As if the brightest light of all Was somehow swept away. Though I see the branches swaying, And watch their dancing leaves--The echoes carried on the wind Don't sound the same to me. As I listen to the morning birds Sing softly from afar--It seems to be a mournful tune That echoes in my heart. Another day has come again, As time moves surely on--But nothing now seems quite the same, To know that he is gone. The days and weeks and months ahead Will never be the same--Because a treasure beyond words Can never be replaced. The loss cannot be measured now, The void cannot be filled--And though someday the grief may fade, His mark will live on still. For even with my heavy heart, I know that I've been blessed To have been one who's life he touched With warmth so infinite. Rest in peace my friend. Carmen my thoughts are with you and the family. May God comfort and keep you. May you find comfort in one another and cherish the memories and the blessings you shared.

Angie Rice - February 09, 2014 at 01:09 PM

JJ

“*Lin, you will be deeply missed cousin. To paraphrase a song I've always loved and seems to come to mine and heart as I wright this...*

We do not know what tomorrow brings, in a world were few of the purest hearths survive. But what I do know is the way I feel is real and I wan't to keep that feeling that worth knowing you are at peace... And while our road is still long, and it seems as if mountains our in our way. But with one step forward each day... "Love lift us up where we belong" ...

Lin, you have climbed the mountains of life, and in your last days you were still smiling because you knew without a doubt; the Promised Land was just a peaceful last sleep away.

You did it man. You did what I am still working every day of my life towards... Leaving this life behind with not just a memory of you, but a legacy, and epic story that should be, and I am sure in time will be told.

I love you,

Jermal M. Smith

Jermal Smith - New Jersey - February 09, 2014 at 12:19 PM

JA

“*You touched so many lives in your short time on this planet. I told my mom that I believe the reason I dislocated my knee this past summer was because God knew that there was not much time left and he wanted me to spend as much time as I could while you were still here. I know you are up there watching over us all. You will be greatly missed. We love you Lin.*

Jackie and Lauren Adkins - February 09, 2014 at 11:59 AM

NP

“ *The sorrow of the faithful
is not that of permanent loss,
but the tender sense of sadness
that comes in saying good-bye for now
to someone we love.
May today's sorrow give way
to the peace and
comfort of God's love.
What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for
one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not
understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before
we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to
remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your
life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.*

Nicole Parr - February 09, 2014 at 11:51 AM

BR

“ *You're not around, but your memories still remain captured in our
hearts. You were like an angel that came and made our lives
beautiful, and now that you are in heaven, we know you are doing
the same. Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather, openings in
heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines
down upon us to let us know they are happy. Our thoughts and
prayers are with your family. Rest in Peace.*

Bruce & Marilyn Ryan - February 09, 2014 at 10:26 AM

AC

“ *Carmen, Manny & families,
We send our deepest condolences for the loss of Lin. In the days
and months to come may you find peace and happiness again.
From Shelby, Wesley, Jimmy and Amy Coker*

Amy Coker - February 09, 2014 at 09:12 AM

SP

“ *May you rest in peace brother. To your family, I hope you will soon find peace. You will be missed...*

Sean

sean phelps - February 08, 2014 at 06:30 PM

SC

“ *To the Family of Linwood Pulley Jr,
I am sending condolences for your loss. I know that Uncle James &
Aunt Bee was there to help him with his transition with open
arms.....He will always be with you. Take care of one another
and remember all the blessings.*

Sarah Chapman - February 08, 2014 at 03:41 PM

EW

“ *To the Family of Linwood Pulley Jr:
I send you Peace to soothe you, Grace to hold you, Love to comfort
you and prayers to hold you, the Family together*

My condolences in your time of need.

Eldora & Carl Wright

(Linwood's 2nd cousin on his mother Linda's side)

Eldora Wright - February 08, 2014 at 09:24 AM