



Lionel Lee Linney

February 10, 1940 - September 24, 2025

Lionel “Poochie” Linney, beloved husband, brother, uncle, proud veteran, and loyal friend, peacefully departed this life on September 24, 2025, surrounded by love and care. Lionel was born on February 10, 1940, to the late Kathryn Linney Smith and Theophilus “Taffie” Jordan in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was the first of six children and was predeceased by his faithful wife, Dorothy J. Linney, sister Angela Smith, and brother, Robert Smith. He was a graduate of Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Lionel married the love of his life, Dorothy (Perry) Linney, December 1964, beginning a journey of love and partnership that spanned more than six decades. Together, they built a beautiful life in New York, where they were proud residents for over 60 years. Dorothy passed away in December 2023, and now the two are reunited in eternal rest.^[1]_[SEP]

A proud member of the United States Air Force, Poochie served his country with honor. After his service, he began a remarkable 36-year career with United Parcel Service (UPS), where his hard work, loyalty, and leadership left a lasting legacy.

During his time at UPS, he met Fitz Charles. They became close friends and formed a special bond. Fitz was a dedicated, committed and reliable caregiver. He lovingly stood by Poochie’s side; he was like a “son” to him.

Poochie found joy in life's simple pleasures. He cheered passionately for his favorite sports teams- especially as a diehard Boston Celtics fan—he was their number one supporter through wins and losses. He also loved savoring a Nathan's hot dog at Coney Island, eating blue crabs, and visiting family; moments that brought him endless happiness.^[L]_[SEP]He leaves behind a legacy of love, mentorship, and devotion.

Poochie is survived by siblings Valarie R. Smith, Charles Michael Smith, and Kathy Michelle King; cherished and devoted niece, Ronita Lamb, goddaughter Tamar Charles (New York), forever friends Larry & Marilyn Jarrett, Sam Daye, Brenda Graham and host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Poochie's life was a testament to unwavering love, loyalty, and faith. Though he will be deeply missed, his memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know him.

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

OCT **13**. 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Celebration Service Of Lionel Linney*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 13, 2025 at 01:33 PM

BG

“ To Linney's family and friends, please accept my sincere condolences on the transition of my 40 years friend and neighbor. I know how much Linney missed his lovely Queen. I pray he is at peace now, knowing he is with Dottie. Blessings, 🙏

Brenda Graham - October 12, 2025 at 05:42 PM



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



October 12, 2025 at 11:49 AM

FF

“ Fitz Miranda and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lionel Lee Linney.

Fitz Miranda and family - October 12, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ 29 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - October 11, 2025 at 10:47 PM

FB

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. My friend Valerie and Tonya. Keeping you all lifted up in prayer.* 🙏🏿🙏🏿🙏🏿

Florence Bell - October 07, 2025 at 07:14 PM

PM

“ *Condolences Valarie to you and your family. Praying God give you all strength and comfort.* Patricia Mabry

Patricia Mabry - October 07, 2025 at 01:26 PM

LW

“ *Kathy, I am sorry to receive the news about the loss of your brother Lionel. May God's love surround you and your family at this difficult time. Sincere condolences.*
Loretta Wilkins and family



Loretta Wilkins - October 01, 2025 at 11:24 AM

YB

*With deepest sympathy on the passing of your brother. I pray that good memories will comfort you always. God bless you and your family.
Love, Yolanda & Kenneth Blount*

Yolanda & Kenneth Blount - October 04, 2025 at 07:09 PM

TH

Rest in peace Daddy I didn't think when I talked to you on Father's Day's was going to be the last time I talk to you but I am thankful we talk and I so thankful for the time we had together take your rest love your daughter Tammie 🙏❤️😊

Tammie Hawkins - October 07, 2025 at 02:33 PM