



## Edward A. Lenio

October 27, 1951 - November 18, 2020

Edward A. Lenio, Cmdr. Ret., 69, passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. He was born on October 27, 1951 in Elizabeth, NJ and had been a resident of Vernon Hills, IL for the past 15 years. Edward served in the US Navy for 20 years as a naval pilot, retired as a commander, served at the Pentagon and graduated with a master's degree from The Citadel. He will be dearly missed by his family and his loving dog, Nora.

Surviving is his wife of 10 years, Olena Kharkova; daughter, Katherine (Trace) Putman; 4 grandchildren, Savannah, Paige, Alex and Claire; stepdaughter, Valerie; 5 siblings, Janet Bearce, Allan (Susan) Lenio, Joanne DuPree, Jodi (Kevin) Craig and Steven (Elaine) Lenio and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services and interment will be held at a later date at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, AZ. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I’ve worked with Ed in different roles in Allstate for the past 10 years. He was always jovial, efficient and an excellent colleague. He had some great stories! Sorry to hear of his passing and thinking of his family at this sad time.

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**Jeanne Chapple** - November 25, 2020 at 06:41 PM

YL

“ I met Lt Lenio in the wrong way in HS-9, his collateral duty was the Legal Officer. I had a “meeting” with CDR Dalton, LCDR Dennis and the rest of the upper echelon my 3rd day in the squadron. LT Lenio kinda took care of me making sure I stayed straight. He was a good officer and a good man I never could really say anything bad about him even if he was legal officer. Fair Winds and following seas my friend.

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**YN3 Llewellyn (Lou) LaBauve** - November 24, 2020 at 10:45 PM

WP

“ Wid Perry lit a candle in memory of Edward A. Lenio



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**Wid Perry** - November 23, 2020 at 07:24 PM

WP

“ A new helicopter antisubmarine squadron (HS-9) was established in 1976 with several young enlisted Sailors reporting to their first command. The Senior Officer Leadership team was experienced, but there were some young Officers newly assigned to the command too - including Ensign Ed Lenio who became a mentor and a motivator for many of those young Enlisted Sailors, including me. He was the squadron's first Voting Officer, convincing those of us away from home for the first time to make sure we were registered to vote and had sent off for our absentee ballots. As a junior officer, he was assigned the often challenging responsibility as First Lieutenant Division Officer - charged with motivating young and often resentful (for the assignment) Sailors to work hard and perform well keeping the barracks and hangar clean and presentable, including the squadron's Snack Shack that became legendary in squadron popularity. Ed was young enough to identify with many of the young Sailors in his charge and he was mature and talented enough to earn the respect and commitment of those young Sailors. He was an excellent Pilot and a great person who made a lasting influence on many, including me - who never forgot his contributions that made me a better Sailor and person in my 23 year Naval Career. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Ed. Stand down - we have the watch. God Bless your family. Wid Perry, Greenfield MA

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**Wid Perry** - November 23, 2020 at 07:23 PM

ML

“ I visited my cousin Ed when he was stationed in Hawaii. I had the most wonderful week getting to know my cousin and exploring the island of Oahu. Ed and I hiked around the Polynesian Cultural Center and went to a luau that evening. It was amazing. The next day a friend of his took us out on his boat. We sailed around the bay and the islands where Gilligan’s Island was taped. Again, a perfect day. After that trip Ed would call me at all hours of the night to talk... it was funny and annoying all at the same time, but we would talk for hours! 😊

Later I went to visit him in Chicago. His Dad, my Uncle Al, was living with him for a short spell then and our cousin Kathy (Gikas) Morgan joined us. We had a fun-filled weekend visiting Navy Pier and dining out at his favorite restaurants. These are my 2 favorite memories of Ed. Always fun, always adventurous. RIP my dear cousin. Love you much! 💕

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**Mimi Lenio** - November 23, 2020 at 06:52 PM

BH

“ My prayers and condolences are with you and your whole family for your loss of such a fine man. I am also a colleague of Ed's from Allstate and would just like to offer how much he will be missed. Ed was always such a pleasure to work with - so knowledgeable and just one of the nicest people I've met at Allstate. Sometimes a year or two would pass between our paths crossing, but every time they did it was like picking up the phone to an old friend and we'd pick up as if we had just spoken the day before. My deepest sympathies to you all.

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**Bettina Heller** - November 23, 2020 at 01:46 PM

ME

“ I served with 'Mr.' Lenio in HS-9. I remember him as a fine Naval Officer and pilot. For whatever reason the Sea Griffins became more of a family over the years and that feeling carries on even to this day. So sorry to hear of his passing - the Griff family has had a rough 2020 with the loss of many a good shipmate this past year. Sincere condolences to the Lenio family.  
Mike Estes, USN retired

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**Michael D Estes** - November 23, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BP

“ I served with then LTJG Lenio in HS-9.  
I Remember him as a fine officer and pilot.  
I'm sad to hear of his passing.  
My deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers to his family.

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**Buddy Poe** - November 23, 2020 at 01:02 PM

RC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I served with Ed in HS-9 and remember him as a hard working individual, fun loving and an excellent pilot. He was also a good friend. He will be sorely missed. God bless him and his family.

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**Richard Caparelli** - November 23, 2020 at 10:03 AM

BM

“ I'm extremely sad about this terrible news and wish to pass on my condolences to his family and friends. I worked with Ed in Allstate for a couple of years and really enjoyed working with him. Ed will be missed greatly.

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**Brian McCann** - November 23, 2020 at 08:55 AM

JU

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of Ed’s passing and would like to extend my sympathy to his whole family. I had the pleasure of working with Ed at Allstate. He was very intelligent and dedicated to his work, and always did what was necessary to ensure we did what was right. Ed will be missed by all those who had a chance to know him.

*Jeff Ure*

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**jeff Ure** - November 22, 2020 at 10:32 AM

BO

“ To the Lenio Family: I was a colleague of Ed's at Allstate and will remember him as a true gentleman and a consistent voice of reason. Ed worked every day to make things better and help others get their jobs done in a more effective way. He shared some proud memories with me from his earlier military career and his service will always be appreciated. He will be missed by those who knew him at Allstate and I will fondly remember our conversations and the times we collaborated.

*Brian O'Sullivan*

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**Brian O'Sullivan** - November 21, 2020 at 12:57 PM