



## Lucy E. Nierman

May 25, 1931 - June 1, 2020

Lucy Elrod Nierman was born May 25, 1931, in Little Rock, AR, and passed away peacefully on June 1, 2020, in Dallas, TX. Mom was affectionately given the nickname “Big Red” by our dad because she was the ultimate redhead with the fiery personality to match. Family, friends, and neighbors were always welcome and share memories of backyard Oktoberfests, 4th of July parties and Christmas parties featuring her lethal bourbon punch. She made every holiday and occasion an event.

The best gift Mom gave us was the joy of reading. Our home was filled with books, newspapers, and magazines, and from the time we were youngsters, a weekly trip to the public library was part of our lives. She also instilled in us a love of music, and her Burt Bacharach and Sergio Mendez albums were the soundtrack of our lives. Mom was our cheerleader, and, with our dad, attended every school event for all four of us. She loved animals and never turned away the numerous stray dogs and cats we brought home. Under her watch, we would play for hours outside on the swing set, slide and jungle gym in our Casa View backyard.

She and our dad, Jack, were charter members of Hope Lutheran Church in Dallas and Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Rowlett. Mom was active in the altar guild and women’s clubs and developed deep friendships there. In January 1994, she retired from the U.S. Department of Education, where she worked as a bank examiner. Her retirement days were filled with book club meetings, the White Rock Newcomers Club, canasta games, daily trips to Starbucks (where everybody knew her name), and movies and plays with friends.

Lucy was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, John H. “Jack” Nierman and son, Paul Niermann. She is survived by her son, John F. Nierman and wife Dealva of Point, TX; daughter, Sandi Erspamer and husband John of Dallas, TX; daughter, Linda Sandhoff and husband Gary of Rowlett, TX; grandchildren: Crystal Chandler and husband Andrew, Jack Erspamer and Lucy Erspamer; great-granddaughter, Autumn Chandler; and longtime friends Benita Martin and Julie Williams.

We also would like to thank the staff of The Tradition Lovers Lane and All Star Hospice for their faithful care and attention, especially during the last few weeks when Covid-19 kept us isolated from our Mom. She will be deeply missed but will live in our hearts forever.

Private graveside services will be at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Matthew 25:21

# Cemetery

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## **Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery**

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy.

Dallas, TX, 75211

# Comments

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“ Sandi, just happened to see your mom’s obituary in the paper a few weeks back then mislaid it. I have a few memories of your mom from our days at Kiest. What I really remember is her beautiful smile. She always had it! So sorry for your loss. Kathy Long Marshall

Kathy Long Marshall - July 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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“ Oh, dear Lucy, I will miss you but will treasure the memories I have of you!

You were my mentor when I started working for the Education Department in 1974 and helped me navigate the many pitfalls of a new job in a large organization. I always knew I could get the right information or direction from you, and it would be given with a smile and maybe a joke as well, just as a bonus!

Even though our working lives eventually took different paths, we maintained a wonderful friendship, and one mutually shared with Benita. The three of us celebrated birthdays and many of life's events. Your presence always added laughter...like when you wore those fabulous sunglasses which reflected your expansive personality!

A recent memory was Lucy's contribution to the monthly book club meetings...to share a funny story or joke that she had read. Since she was a reader, she had much to offer and it always came with that twinkle in her eyes!

Thank you for the memories, Lucy, and thank you for your friendship

Julie Williams

julie williams - June 06, 2020 at 01:55 PM

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“ I was very sad to learn of Lucy Nierman's passing. Some of my best childhood memories are of the times I spent visiting the Nierman family, as Paul was one of my closest friends throughout our grade school years. My parents were also very close to Jack and Lucy from their years together at Hope Lutheran Church. I'm sure Lucy will be missed very much by her family and friends.

Mark Germer

Mark Germer - June 03, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Yes, I can testify to Lucy's love of reading. Our job required 50% travel and she usually was reading a book on the plane. The Hotels often provided a local newspaper and of course, Lucy read the paper. A lot of times we would go to a bookstore wherever we traveled to and Lucy would buy a book or two. That was before computers and all the regulations were on paper so our briefcases were stuffed with paper. I used to say Lucy was addicted to paper and the Government was feeding that addiction. When she wasn't reading, she would often tell us jokes so we had a lot of fun on those trips.

I already miss her! I just keep reminding myself what the Pastor said Sunday, "You have to die before you can get to heaven."

She was a good friend to me and let me be a friend to her.

So, Big Red, I hope you like your new home. If she's still addicted to paper, the Lord will probably send her to a mansion with a huge library

Benita Martin

Benita Martin - June 02, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ Such sweet words, Benita. Love the "addicted to paper" comment. At least I come by it honestly. Love you so much!

Linda Sandhoff - June 03, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ I sure am going to miss Mom. I'm so grateful for the way she & Dad raised me. Kinda strict, didn't much appreciate it back then, but she had instilled values in me that I fell back on after a sidetrack or two. Ha ha. The important thing is, I made sure Mom knew that. The love of reading she gave me is still there today. Yeah, "Big Red" is in a better place now. So grateful she went in peace. I'll think of you all the time now, Mom. Love, John.

John Nierman - June 02, 2020 at 02:13 PM