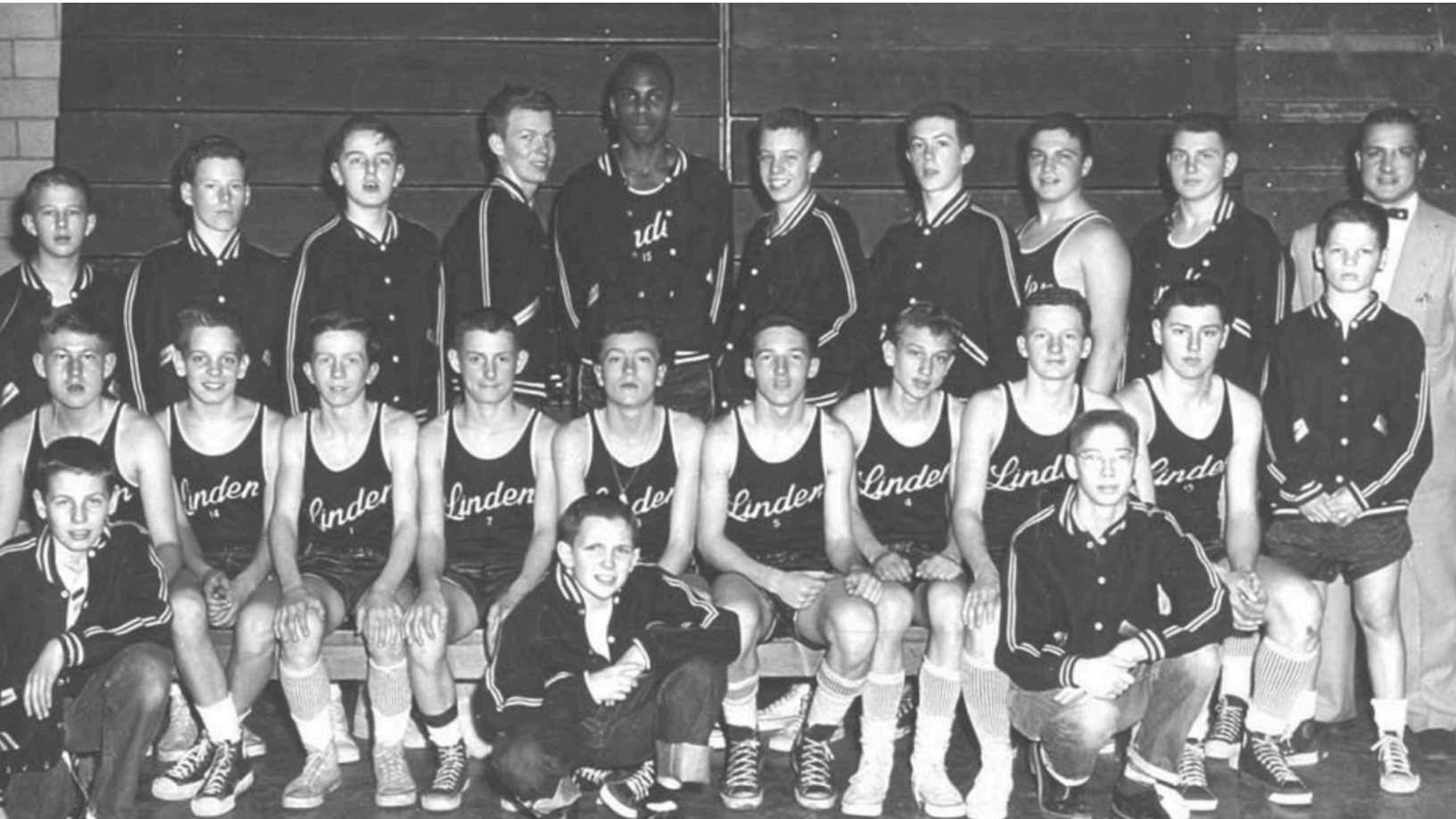


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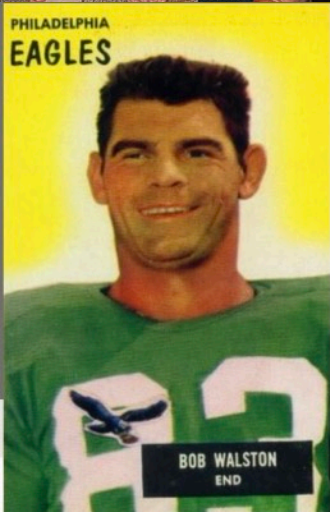
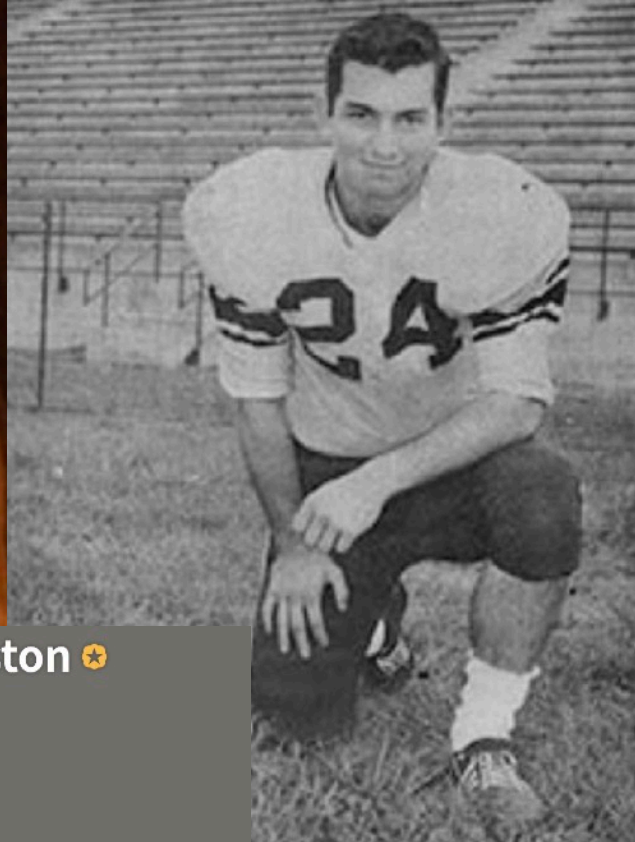


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## Robert Harold "Bobby" Walston ⭐

**BIRTH** 17 Oct 1928  
Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, USA

**DEATH** 7 Oct 1987 (aged 58)  
Roselle, DuPage County, Illinois, USA

**BURIAL** [Mount Emblem Cemetery](#)  
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Professional Football Player. For twelve seasons (1951 to 1962), he played at the left-end, tight-end and kicker positions in the National Football League with the Philadelphia Eagles. Born Robert Harold Walston, he attended Linden-McKinley High School (Ohio) and played collegiate football at the University of Georgia. Selected by Philadelphia during the 14 round of the 1951 NFL Draft, he achieved All-Pro status and was named NFL Rookie of the Year (1951). During the course of his career, Walston proved invaluable to the Eagles as he was a productive receiver recording a career-high 11 touchdowns in 1954. That same year, he topped the league with his 114 points as a kicker. He was a key contributor to the Eagles' squad which captured the 1960 NFL Title and kicked a crucial field goal in a game against Cleveland during their run to the championship. In 148 regular season games, he compiled 311 receptions for 5,363 yards with 46 touchdowns and amassed 881 total points as a kicker. Following his playing career, Walston remained in the sport to serve as a scout with the Chicago Bears and later in the United States Football League.



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## Comments and Observations

October meant the homecoming football game and dance ... Usually Linden played East in their orange and black uniforms around Halloween ... During the '58 championship season, the Tigers were up on the Panthers 22-0 at half-time, but the Panthers fought back to win the game 28-22 ... This “come back” magic lasted until the Central game when the Pirates smoked the Panthers 20-0 ...

## LM Trivia Pursuit

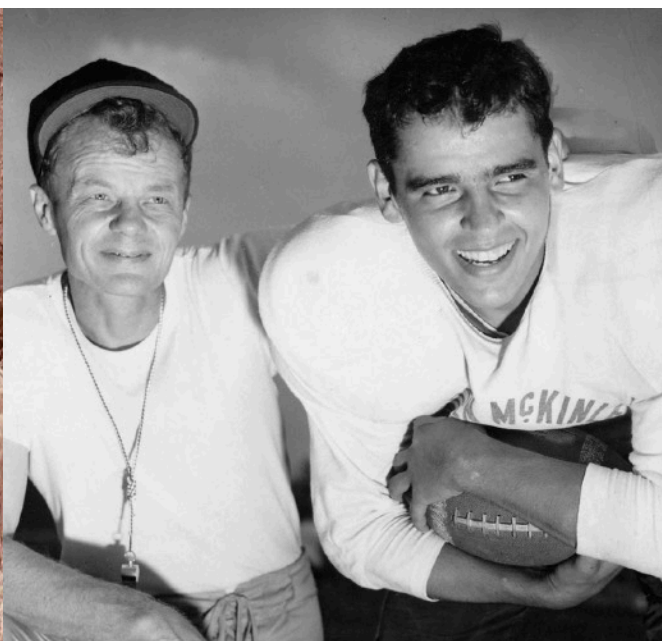
*What were some of the more popular LM hangouts?*

Last Month's Question: *Although opinions may vary, who are likely the three top, most-well known LM GOATs (Greatest of All Time) athletes? James “Buster” Douglas, heavyweight boxing Champion of the World, Bobby Walston, who played college ‘ball at the University of Georgia and went on to play professionally with the Philadelphia Eagles, and Capital University Hall of Fame football running back, Chuck Kessler '54 ...*

Honorable Mention: Kenny Byers '58, who was an All-Missouri Valley Conference lineman at the University of Cincinnati and went on to play for the New York Giants and Minnesota Vikings ... Ohio State basketball standout Jim Clemons who went on to play and coach in the pros ...

## Memorable Movie Quotes

“You talkin’ to me?” — *Taxi Driver*, 1976



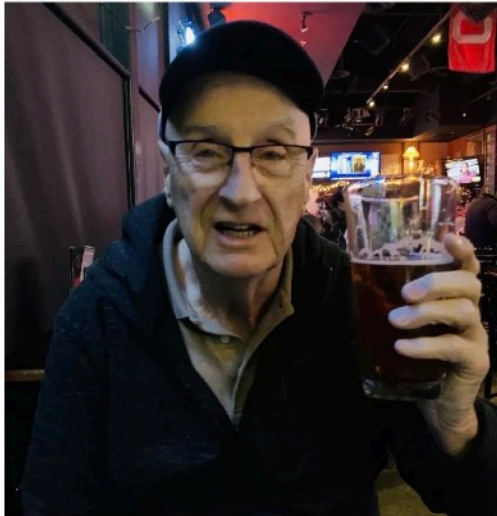
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## In Memoriam

### Eugene “Gene” James Doon

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November 12, 1938 - August 22, 2023

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#### Service

Tuesday, August 29th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church

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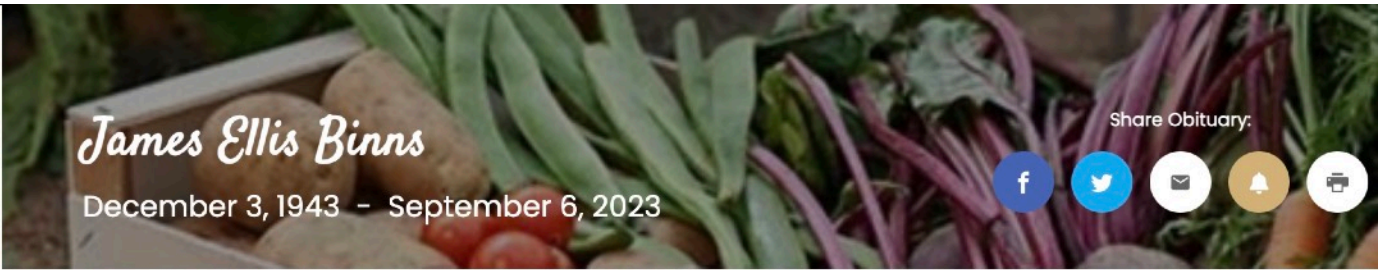
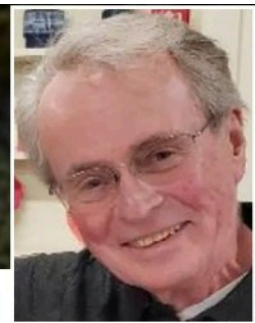
Eugene “Gene” James Doon passed away on August 22, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Carole Doon (Gaus); his son, Stephen Doon; daughter, Megan Doon; son in law, Richard Beard, and 6 grandchildren.

Gene was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He attended St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville. His deep faith in God & Heaven brings comfort to his family. Gene was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Doon; his parents; his daughter, Molly Beard (Doon) and 2 grandchildren.

Gene served his country, in the United States Navy from 1957-1960 where he worked on an aircraft carrier. After his service in the Navy, he began working at ABB and married his wife of 58 years, Carole. The couple had three children together, Molly, Stephen & Megan.

In his retirement, Gene embraced his role as a professional grandpa and worked part time at an AMVETS donation center. Gene loved his family and never missed a sporting event, recital or concert. He was a consistent, caring & hardworking man who will be missed by many.

A Mass will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church on Tuesday, August 29th at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at a later date at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the VFW at <https://heroes.vfw.org/page/21776/donate/1?ea.tracking.id=homepage>



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### Obituary

Please share a memory of James to include in a keepsake book for family and friends.

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James E. Binns, age 79, of Centerburg, passed away at home on September 6, 2023 with his wife and two daughters by his side.

He was born on December 3, 1943, the son of James D. Binns and Sarah Louise (Baumgartner) Binns who proceeds him in death as well as his brother Ronald Binns. On May 18, 1972 he married Stephanie Brinkman and they enjoyed over 51 years together.

He retired from Ohio Bell on December 2, 1994, and was a proud veteran of the US Air Force. With his renowned green thumb, he grew a bountiful garden and beautiful flowers.

James cherished and was very proud of his two daughters Dr. Katherine Binns (Craig Gregonis) and Dr. Amanda Kerber (Alex). He also loved and enjoyed spending time with his 5 grandchildren Chance, Kate, and Benjamin Gregonis and Roxanne and Victoria Kerber. Also left to cherish his memory are his siblings Will (Debbie) Binns and Christine (Richard) Brigode.

Per his wishes there will be no calling hours, however there will be a celebration of life at a later date.

The family thanks his Angel, Dr. Ann Koval for her wonderful care.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Snyder Funeral Home, DeVore Chapel in Sunbury.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of North Central Ohio 1770 Coshocton Ave Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050. Snyder Funeral Home is honored to serve the Binns family.

Please consider leaving a condolence or memory of James at: [www.snyderfuneralhomes.com](http://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com)

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of James, please visit our [Tree Store](#).

### Tribute Book

Share your memory to the online obituary to be included inside this special keepsake book.



Orders begin printing September 18

OBITUARY FOR

*Alfred Michael Plesse*

**NOVEMBER 23, 1941 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**

Alfred Michael Plesse, age 81, of Fort Worth, Texas passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.neptunesociety.com/location/fort-worth-cremation](http://www.neptunesociety.com/location/fort-worth-cremation) for the Pl...

Al was born in Germany and spent his early years there. The Nazis burned his house down, leaving him, his sister, and his mother on the street destitute. They somehow survived the war and emigrated to the U.S. afterwards, settling in near Hudson and Cleveland. He attended church and school at St Augustine Parish and spent his high school freshman year at Aquinas before transferring to Linden.

By his senior year, he was one of the top three premier track milers in the Columbus metro area. He led LM to its first City League Cross-Country Championship. After graduation Al went on active duty with the U.S. Navy, where he was an outstanding sonar technician. Returning to Columbus after his military service, he went on to a distinguished career as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with the Columbus Fire Department.

After retiring from the CFD, he moved to Las Vegas where he was a chauffeur to the rich and famous before assuming full-time caregiver responsibilities for his invalid wife. After she passed, Al moved to the Dallas area to be closer to friends and family. Fifteen or so months back, he had a series of major health problems that eventually resulted in his leaving this world far too early.

LM produced many top-quality people who overcame adversities and obstacles to flourish, prosper, and achieve their full potential. Al is in the forefront of this superlative group. He was deeply religious and a consummate patriot. As he was also very modest, I'm sure there's far more to his life that we'll ever know.



1946

# Edward "Eddie" Pollina

2023



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## Edward "Eddie" Pollina

March 17, 1946 — September 8, 2023  
Columbus

Edward (Eddie) Pollina, 77, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 8, 2023. Eddie was born on March 17, 1946, in Columbus, Ohio, to Edward and Jeanne Pollina. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Lea; children Anissa (Kevin) Forman, Eddie (Christy) Pollina and Anthony (Amy Lancione) Pollina; grandchildren Kaitlin, Matthew and Abbie Forman; Eddie, Laney and Jackson Pollina; sister Vicki (Curt) McIntyre, brother-in law John Dandrea (nephew Dustin), 3 grand-dogs (Bandon, Puppy & Steinie), many cousins and dear friends.



Eddie graduated from Linden McKinley High School in 1964, where he played the drums with his first band, The Countdowns. After high school, he spent a year in New York City playing drums for various artists before returning back to Columbus, Ohio, and marrying his high school sweetheart, Lea. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and stationed at Fort Sill Army Base in Lawton, Oklahoma, until 1968. Upon returning back to Columbus, Eddie took a job with Patterson Dental in sales that started his career in the dental industry. He moved on to open and run the Meer Dental office in the early 1980's. After a few years, he decided to go out on his own and Professional Designs Inc. was established, where he designed, constructed and equipped dental offices throughout the state of Ohio. During this time, he also attended The Ohio State University to further his education & career.

Eddie's love of music never wavered. In 1969, he started The Eddie Pollina Band and performed at clubs, weddings, parties and other lively events for over 50 years.

Eddie had a zest for life, a twinkle in his eye, and whenever a photo was being taken, he would be heard shouting "fuzzy-pickles". He brought a smile to everyone that he met; a perfect gentleman and a wonderful husband, father and friend to all. Always the life of the party, he will be missed dearly.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Shaw-Davis Funeral Home at 4341 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. André Inner Healing Ministry – [www.innerhealingministry.org/donations](http://www.innerhealingministry.org/donations)

Jack Moore '55 expired on July 23rd at the age of 86 after a protracted struggle with a myriad of health problems ... Jack was John Moore's '60 older brother ... He was an outstanding baseball catcher and also played football ... No obituary available ...

RIP, Jack ...

