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September 2025

# Linden McKinley HS









## Comments and Observations

I well remember brutal two-a-day football practices the last two weeks of August ... Of course the first game was the Friday of the first week back in school ... The coaches were ready; the team was ready; the outstanding Panther marching band was ready; the remarkable cheerleading squad was ready; and, the fans were ready ...

Head Coach John Montgomery, aka “Monk,” would occasionally mention his quarterbacking days at Ohio University ... In poking around the Internet, I discovered he apparently played both football and baseball at OU in the late '30's (graduating in 1940) and was inducted into the OU Hall of Fame in 1968 ... What did he do during the war? I have no idea ... Is that Monk in the photo below? You be the judge ...

## LM Trivia Pursuit

What six LM footballers played semi-pro ball? Four appear in the Pope's Inn photo shown in the previous page ... although you'll have to zoom in for a better look ... I recall one player telling me about playing a prison team in the Ohio Penitentiary down on Neil Avenue ...

## Link Du Jour

Click on the link: [Who remembers Tommy Row?](#)



## In Memoriam

Sorry, you'll have to zoom in to read the text in the obituaries below ...

### *Barbara Jean Martin*

AUGUST 10, 1946 - JULY 25, 2025



IN THE CARE OF

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services by Schoedinger-North

### *In Loving Memory of Barbara J. Martin (1946–2025)*

#### A Life of Grace, Joy, and Service

Barbara J. Martin, born August 10, 1946, in Columbus, Ohio, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 25, 2025, after a courageous three-year experience with Alzheimer's disease. Her final moments were filled with love, surrounded by those who cherished her most.

Barb's radiant presence touched the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Even in the face of illness, she uplifted those around her with joy and grace. Her life was a testament to love, compassion, and unwavering positivity. Her absence leaves a profound void in the hearts of family, friends, and even those who met her only briefly.

Family was the cornerstone of Barb's life. She is survived by her devoted husband, Dick Martin; her daughter, Stacie (Dale) Mosley; her son, Michael (Mary Lou) Fitzer; and her beloved grandchildren: Ruby Fitzer, Sid Fitzer, and Raemi (Matt) Paxton. She was also the proud great-grandmother of Ezekiel and Aurelia Paxton.

She is lovingly remembered by her siblings, Mike (Ann) Skinner and Pam (Alan) Fenn; nieces and nephews Meghan (Art) Jordan, Erin Skinner (Adam Eddy), Emily (Adam) Lesser, and Ben Fenn; and many great-nieces, a great-nephew, cousins, and lifelong friends. Barb was preceded in death by her parents, Ernie and Irene Skinner, who instilled in her a strong work ethic, deep values, and a love of family above all else.

Barb was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, graduating from Linden McKinley High School and attending The Ohio State University. Her natural patience and love for children led her to begin her career as a preschool teacher. She later transitioned into the business world, spending over 30 years at International Monetary Systems, where she retired as Vice President. Her leadership and integrity earned the respect of colleagues and clients alike.

Beyond her professional achievements, Barb was deeply committed to her community. She coached little league softball in the 1970s, served as commissioner of Forest Park Umpires in the 1980s, and held a board position with Ohio Special Olympics. Her leadership in organizing the annual Jimmy Crum Labor of Love Charity Golf Outing (LOLA) helped raise millions for Ohio Special Olympics, Recreation Unlimited, and Easter Seals.

Barb will be remembered for her boundless positivity, radiant smile, and infectious laughter. She had a rare gift for spreading kindness and joy, leaving a lasting impression on everyone she met. Whether dancing to her favorite song, soaking up the sun at the beach, or sharing stories with loved ones, Barb lived each moment with warmth and gratitude.

Since January 2024, Barb resided at Sage Park Memory Care in Gahanna. Despite the challenges of her illness, she continued to bring joy and warmth to those around her. Her family is deeply grateful for the exceptional care and heartfelt compassion she received during her time there.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Barb's life on Friday, August 1, 2025, at Schoedinger-North, 5554 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229. A funeral service will be held from 4:00pm-5:00pm, followed by a visitation from 5:00-7:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial donations be made to My Mom's Mind, a nonprofit organization founded in Barb's honor to benefit Alzheimer's patients and caregivers:

OBITUARY

# Ulisse Frissora

SEPTEMBER 6, 1941 – APRIL 29, 2025



IN THE CARE OF  
Schoedinger Worthington

Ulisse Frissora, beloved father, grandfather, devoted brother, and educator, passed away on April 29, 2025, at the age of 83. Born on September 6, 1941, in Introdacqua, Italy, Ulisse was the son of Luciano and Ginevra Frissora. In 1954, at the age of 12, he left Italy by boat, arriving in New York on June 24 and traveling by train to Columbus, Ohio the following day—a journey that marked the beginning of a remarkable story.

Although Ulisse had not completed seventh grade before immigrating, his perseverance and determination led him to excel in his new country. He enrolled at Linden McKinley High School and graduated in 1960, finishing at the top of his class. His academic excellence earned him a scholarship to The Ohio State University, where he majored in Spanish and French. He went on to earn a master's degree in language education in 1969.

Ulisse dedicated his life to teaching, sharing his love of languages with generations of students at Brookhaven High School in Columbus. He taught Spanish there from 1964 until his retirement in 1999, inspiring countless students with his passion, discipline, and care. He enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of the Abruzzi Club, serving as treasurer for several years.

Preceded in death by parents, Luciano and Ginevra; brother Antonio, sister in-law Ida; and sister in-law Suzanne. Beloved father of David (Kristen), Debbie Thom, grandchildren Evan, Clara, Aiden and Adam; sister Lia McComas, brothers Michele Frissora, Egeo (Fiorenza) Frissora, nieces and nephews and Moby. Ulisse was loved deeply by his family and admired by many in the community for his integrity, humility, and quiet strength.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 8, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Schoedinger Worthington, 6699 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, if desired:  
[https://support.davethomasfoundation.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=9591&9591.donation=form1&mfc\\_pref=Ts\\_src=Z25Z1HX1T&](https://support.davethomasfoundation.org/site/Donation2?df_id=9591&9591.donation=form1&mfc_pref=Ts_src=Z25Z1HX1T&).





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## Carol Ann Campbell

AUGUST 12, 1946 – AUGUST 17, 2025



IN THE CARE OF

Schoedinger Northwest

### *Carol Ann Campbell August 12, 1946 – August 17th, 2025*

Carol Ann Campbell, cherished wife of Geoffrey C. Campbell for fifty-seven wonderful years and devoted mother of two, Chad Thomas Campbell (54) from Wrentham, MA, and Lauren Ann Keeler (52) from Columbus, OH, peacefully passed away on Sunday morning, August 17th at First Community Village.

Born in Columbus, OH on August 12th, 1946, to James and Ann Basford, Carol grew up in a warm and loving household alongside her sister, Donna Lee Wood (82), Venice, FL. After graduating from Linden McKinley High School in 1964, she pursued her passion for education at The Ohio State University, earning a BS in Education in 1968. On March 17th, 1968, Carol married her high school sweetheart, Geoffrey C. Campbell.

Shortly after their wedding, Carol joined Geoff on his first US Army assignment near Camp Zama in Tokyo, Japan. In 1971, the couple returned to Columbus, where Geoff transitioned into the business world and their children, Chad and Lauren, were welcomed into the family just a year apart. They lived and raised their family in Upper Arlington. Carol was a dedicated volunteer at Trinity United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School, supported summer camps, and took delight in writing and directing youth group plays. She also founded and organized the inaugural Barrington Elementary Clown Around fundraiser and hosted neighborhood events to support children with Muscular Dystrophy. Carol returned to Ohio State, earning an advanced degree in Computer Science, and spent several rewarding years teaching computer literacy to adults at Columbus North High School and later East High School and Mifflin High School.

As a mother, Carol was a source of unwavering love and support for Chad and Lauren, nurturing them into strong and caring adults and parents. She was also a beloved grandmother to five grandchildren: Meghan Ann Keeler (24), Emily Jane Keeler (22), Mason Andrew Campbell (20), Henry James Campbell (18), and Rose Frances Campbell (17). Her gentle, affectionate nature created lasting memories for all, and the time spent with Grammy will forever hold a special place in their hearts.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her sister, husband, two children and their spouses Katherine W Campbell and Richard D Keeler as well as her five grandchildren, all of whom will carry forward the love she so generously shared throughout her life.

A Memorial Service honoring her life will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1581 Cambridge Blvd, Columbus, 43212 at 3:00PM, Saturday, August 23rd where guests will be received from 2:00PM to the time of service. She will be privately interred at Union Cemetery. Schoedinger Northwest is entrusted with serving the Campbell family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Carols memory to Alzheimer's Association, 5200 Upper Metro Pl #170, Dublin, OH 43017 (<https://www.alz.org/centralohio>) or National Church Residence Hospice (<https://www.nationalchurchresidences.org/communities/hospice-care/how-does-hospice-work/>)

Nancy S Martin, age 82 of Hilliard, Ohio passed away with her family by her side on August 17, 2025. She was born on February 11, 1943 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Joseph R. Steed and Maragret (Woods) Steed. Preceding her in death were her sister Jane Conti, brother in law Joseph Conti and her grandson SSGT Douglas Martin. She is survived by her five children, Sean (Bridget) Martin of Plain City, Erin (Jeff) Smith of Gurnee, IL, Terry Martin of New Baltimore, Michigan, Kyle (Karen) Martin of Cincinnati, and Ryan (Dawn) Martin of Hilliard. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jordan (Brittany) Martin, Evan Martin, Mariah (Ru) Smith, Lauren (Jake) Warsaw, Sarah Smith, Emily, Grace, Maggie, Meredith, Audrey, Lydia, Jillian Martin and great grandchildren, Jaxson, Wyatt, Layne, Kennedy, and Max Martin and Melody, Theodore Smith, Will Warsaw and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nancy was a graduate of Linden McKinley High School. She worked for Columbia Gas in Columbus, Ohio and Houston, Texas and later worked as an administrative assistant at Cardinal Health in Dublin until her retirement. She was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic church where she was a member of the choir and volunteered with the food pantry ministry. Nancy enjoyed traveling, learning to play the piano as an adult, shopping and her GIFT group at church. What brought her the most joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren whom she deeply loved.

Her funeral mass will be held at St Joan of Arc 1000 Liberty Road in Powell, Ohio at 10:00 am on Friday, August 29th. A luncheon for friends and family will be held at the church proceeding the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc to be used for the food pantry or music ministry.

