

Linden McKinley HS



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CITY LEAGUE'S BEST—This is the 22-member "dream team" representing the City High League of 1959, an outstanding group of footballers. In the front row are

Frank Tripp, Wil Kirby, John Moore, Ronnie Wollett, Nick Cooper, Ron Burkey, Dick Evans, Albert Belisari. Standing are Dan Hall, Bruce King, Bill Spahr,

Doug Van Horn, Bill Johnson, Eddie Parks, Bill Biggers, John Rhodes, Jim Horn, Tom Noble, Bob Irwin, Dick Wilson, Dick Nance. In the inset is Ray Bland.





Row 1- S.Moose, J.Greer, M.Edwards, M.Foley, S.Popovich, J.Wilbur
 Row 2- M.Severance, M.Shirtzinger, B.Ebright, B.Gann, B.Gergman, N.Wright

Comments and Observations

Playing football at LM was hazardous duty ... The coaches didn't show us proper blocking and tackling techniques and how to protect ourselves ... so got hurt unnecessarily we did ... beyond the usual bumps and bruises ... There were new uniforms (jerseys, pants, socks, and helmets) every few years, but our pads (shoulder, rib, hip, thigh, and knee) were several years old and definitely worn out ... There were absolutely no mouth guards ... Players bought their own cleats when there was no guarantee they'd make the team ... And even if they made the cut, they'd likely ride the bench the entire season ... I understand the cheerleaders bought their own uniforms and assume band and orchestra students bought their own instruments ...

LM Trivia Pursuit

What two LM basketball standouts (known as the “dynamic duo”) played varsity together at Otterbein College?

Last Months' Questions: *What LM majorette was employed as a programmer at North American Aviation and Ohio Youth Services and as a systems analyst at the Ohio MRDD (Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities) organization?* Donna Basford Wood '60 ...

What six LM footballers played semi-pro ball? Pictured in the Pope's Inn photo: Lyn Fettrow '61, Kenny Ailes '61, Denny Swetnam '61, Jack Denny '60, “Toad” Thompson '56, and Paul Fenner '55 ... John Moore '60 played semi-pro and possibly Ron Burkey '60, too ...

Link Du Jour

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In Memoriam

William Henry Epley

January 29, 1942 ~ August 26, 2025 (age 83)

Obituary & Services

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William Epley Obituary

William Henry Epley, born January 29, 1942, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

He was a longtime employee of the US Postal Service, having over 40 years in by the time he retired. There he met the love of his life, Shirley. It was love at first sight and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary together.

He enjoyed golf and bowling and was a member of multiple teams over the years. He was an avid collector of stamps and coins.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Shirley, his brother, Robert "Bob" Epley, his children, Johanna, Scott, and Sherry, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren..

His family will receive friends Tuesday, September 2, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with his funeral service beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the Cotner Funeral Home, 7369 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. A graveside service will follow at Asbury Cemetery, 4737 Winchester Pike, Columbus, OH 43232

Rita Burns Obituary

Columbus - Rita Kathryn Burns, born June 18, 1937 at Radcliff, Ohio (Vinton County); died August 29, 2025. She graduated from Linden McKinley H.S. (Columbus) in 1955; BS, Ohio State (1958); and MS, Ohio State (1966). Retired from Columbus Public Schools in 1990.

Preceded in death by her parents, Raymond F. and Ruth Calvin Burns.

Survived by brother Jerry (Bev) Burns and sister Linda (Chuck) Fulton; nephews Jonathan (Lynda) Burns and Jay (Amy) Fulton; nieces Julie Fulton and Jenny Burns Saas; grandnephews Andrew (Kelsey) Burns, Collin Burns, Erik (Angelina) Fulton, and Geoffrey (Allison Schroeder) Albert; grandnieces Kaitlin (Casey) Swendrick, Rebecca (Chris) Reaves, Emily (Donny) Scarscella, Erin Burns, Madeleine (Ethan) Karoscik, Shelby (Mitchell) Tulley, Jessica (Matthew) Reed, and Gina Fulton; many great grandnieces and great grandnephews; beloved pet, Veronica; and more dear and dedicated friends than we could ever list.

Member of North Broadway UMC, Beta Lambda Chapter - Delta Kappa Gamma, Central Ohio Unit - Herb Society of America, and the Cat Welfare Association.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Cat Welfare Association in Rita's memory; she was a long-time advocate and supporter.

Rita wanted us to celebrate her life; please join us for this celebration on September 26, 2025 from 1-4 p.m. at the Shamrock Club of Columbus, 60 W. Castle Rd., Columbus.