Linden McKinley HS



December 2025 Go, Panthers



Jr. Hi-Y Touch Teckle Teem, first row, left to right, Dick Drou ht, Jim Culshew, Gene Grevely, John Rife, Deve Show-Iter, second row, Cherles C'Conner, Steve Bennett, Dave Bouogher, Dick Carroll, Capt, Larold Davis. Not mictured Forest Lucas.





Comments and Observations

"When it opened in 1928, Linden McKinley's predecessor was named William McKinley Junior High School. The school was later expanded in 1942 to include a high school section, at which point was renamed Linden-McKinley Junior Senior High School." So, now we know, although I still think the hyphen is unnecessary and looks retarded ... You English mavens out there, feel free to correct me ...

LM Trivia Pursuit

What was the cost of the 2011 LMHS restoration?

Last Month's Question: What was the name of the school when it opened in 1928? See the Comments and Observations section above ...

Link Du Jour

Click on the link: Who remembers ABBA?



In Memoriam

If you can't zoom in to read Richard Palmer's '61 obituary, use the link below: https://morelandfuneralhome.com/obituary/richard-charles-palmer-jr/

Richard Charles Palmer Jr, age 83, of Westerville, OH, died September 22, 2025, at the Landings of Westerville. Richard was born on September 16, 1942 to the late Richard Charles Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Palmer. Richard was predeceased by his beautiful and loving wife of 54 years, Carole Palmer, and his sister Bonnie.

He is survived by his children, Dawn Ann (James) Brosnan and Richard C. (Suzanne) Palmer III; grandchildren, Trevor, Emilie, Travis (Siobhan), and Shannon Brosnan, George (Briana) and Malcolm Palmer; brother, Robert Palmer; nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Richard was a proud Marine, serving as a reservist in the United States Marine Corps. Richard graduated from Linden McKinley High School and was a longtime employee of Timken. Following his retirement, he went on to serve lunch to the children of Alcott Elementary for 16 years.

Richard was a follower and believer of Christ, a member and longtime usher of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville, OH. He loved ice cream, the Browns, Ohio State, cards with friends, Filet-O-Fish, and his OSU

Richard was an innovative and self-sufficient man who tackled all home-improvement projects himself and enjoyed woodworking in his free time.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 AM, Saturday, September 27, 2025, at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 313 N. State Street, Westerville, OH 43082, followed by entombment at Northlawn Memory Gardens. Family will receive friends one hour before the Mass. Rev. Fr. Girardi Celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Richard's memory to St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Condolences may be left at www.morelandfuneralhome.com

Joseph Carmen DeCarlo





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Joseph Carmen DeCarlo, 84, of Gahanna, OH passed away at assisted living on October 16, 2025. He was born to Carmen and Alma (Nance) DeCarlo on February 15, 1941. He was proceeded in death by his loving wife Bonnie (Horton) DeCarlo and his sister Sharon (Clifford) Beal. He was retired from Timken. He spent his life going to the family farm in Athens, OH every weekend surrounded by friends. He spent his retired years buying, repairing and selling bicycles and lawn mowers.

He is survived by his children Shelley Bowen and Sherry Chase and his brother, Frank (Terri) DeCarlo. He has 6 Grandchildren: Cassie Benedict, Carrie Wessels, Kyle Wetherill, Evan Chase, Erica Fitzpatrick and Elaina Chase. He had 7 Great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life and Potluck Dinner will be held on Friday, November 7th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Mifflin Presbyterian Church 123 Granville St. in Gahanna.

Barbara Osborn obituary below:





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Barbara was born on April 22, 1940 in Columbus, OH. She was a graduate of Linden McKinley High School. She attended Ohio State University, studying Business and Education. Immediately following graduation, she began working for Ohio State where she was ultimately promoted to Executive Assistant to the President. She retired after 25 years of service to the University. After retiring from Ohio State University, she moved to Bonita Springs, Florida where she was owner and proprietor of a boutique located at the Bonita Beach and Tennis Club, the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

In October, 2024, Barbara was diagnosed with a progressive disease. She spent the last months of her life in her home at Hacienda Village of Bonita Springs, Florida. She passed away on December 25, 2024 under the care of Vitas Hospice and an army of caregiver angels who adored her.

Barbara spoke fondly of her career and support of the Ohio Buckeyes, her travels abroad, and the many, many friends she had both locally and across the country. She was a true extravert and had a gift for remembering peoples' names and personal details, even in the last few weeks of her life. She had a fun, playful sense of humor. She took care of others, including her beloved mother, Maxine.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents, Carl Jay DeLong and Maxine Unverzagt. She is survived by her sister, Ruth Toops (Laurence) Camarillo, CA; nephew Daryl Toops; nieces Cathy Thompson (Tommy) and Debbie Patterson (Jeff); great nephews, cousins, and friends.

A burial at sea ceremony was held off the Southwest Florida coast on March 24, 2025. Barbara will be greatly missed, but always remembered.

Jack C. Briggs, age 80, of Dublin, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, surrounded by his family. Jack was born on April 11, 1945 in Columbus, Ohio, to Jack and Betty Curtiss Briggs. He graduated in 1963 from Linden-McKinley High School in Columbus, called on his natural talent for sales and began his career at the W.T Grant store, joining their management training program. He was recruited in 1976 by the Hartz Mountain Corporation, a leading supplier of pet supplies, rose to the position of Regional Manager and was highly respected in the industry. In 1997 he left Hartz and began selling home security systems, treating his customers as though he was protecting his own family. He served his country, joining the army reserve and training as a medic. To serve his community, Jack volunteered his time to take police training and proudly joined the Columbus Police Auxiliary, riding with regular officers, having the same authority and accepting the same risks. Jack's greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband and father, fiercely protective and supportive and did his best to attend every game, performance, or tournament, often rushing home from out of town. He was overjoyed to become a grandfather and was a more than willing babysitter. Family gatherings and holidays were the highlights in his days. A man of faith, Jack was a member of Jerome United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, his cousin Steve Lloyd, and his sister-in-law Joyce Springer. Jack will be deeply missed by his wife of 56 years, Lynne, his daughter Heidi (Justin) Bates, son Scott (Katey) Briggs, grandchildren Jacob Briggs, Jackson and Layla Bates, and Malia and Donovan Schneck, sister Sandra (Jerry) Creamer, nieces Amy (Eric)) Butzier and Christina (John) Tibbals, and cousin Susan (Gary) Andrews. To share a condolence with the family, please visit www.NewcomerColumbus.com.