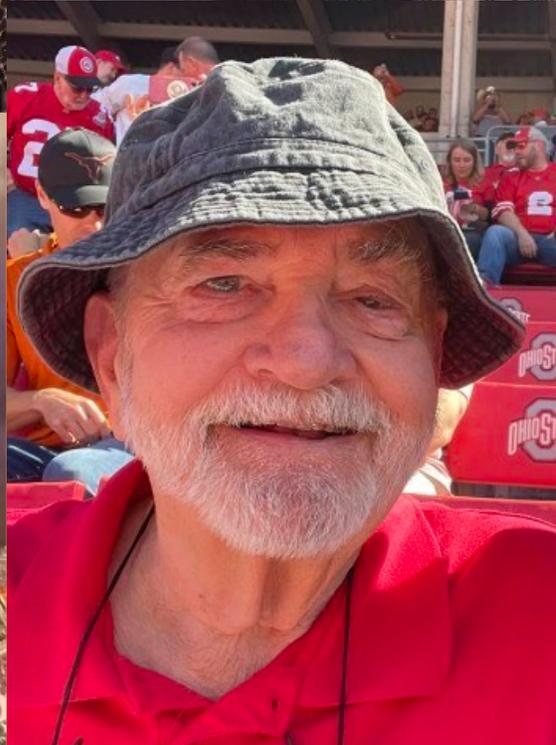
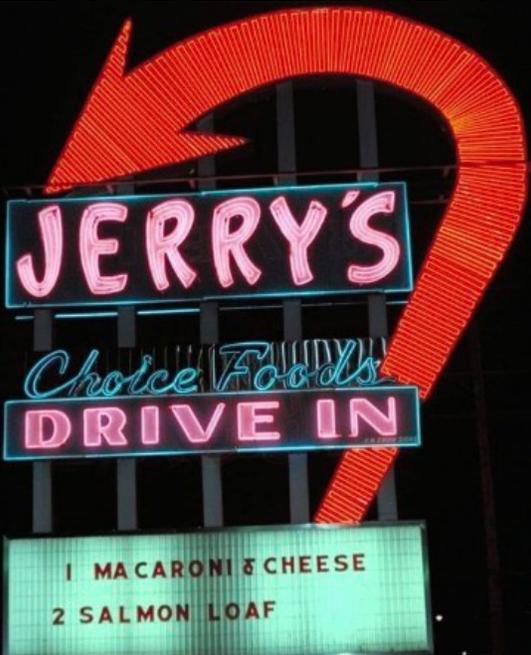


Linden McKinley HS





Comments and Observations

Per films like “Fast Times at Ridgemont High,” the stereotypical organization of high school student societies includes a socially dominant popular group, jocks, nerds/academics, band/orchestra/choir members, counterculture groups, loners, and outsiders ... Of course, there are subgroups; e.g. sorority/fraternity members, cheerleaders, and jocks are typically under the popular umbrella ... Stoners and Goths are under the counterculture umbrella ... Some groups have distinctive clothing, e.g. letter jackets, letter sweaters, and school uniforms ... Groups have overlaps, and their membership is fluid ... Of course, there’s a racial component in the mix, too ...

There were certainly elements of this structure at LM in the late '50's and early '60's ... We had our own counterculture group called the “hoods,” a diminutive of “hoodlums,” who had their own distinctive clothing style ...

I never sensed any animosity among the groups at LM ... We were all just there trying to figure things out and find our way in the world ... Finally, one’s school social status quickly dissipated after graduation ...

LM Trivia Pursuit

Who was undoubtedly the greatest softball player ever to come out of LM?

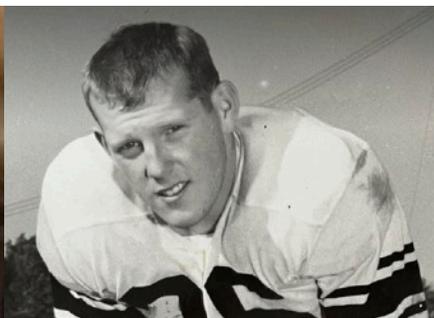
Last Month’s Question: *What LM student of Greek ancestry allegedly became a beatnik during her college years at OSU?* Barbara Tambakis '60 ...

Link Du Jour

Click on the group or artist::Who remembers Little Eva?

Quote of the Day

“For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack.” — Rudyard Kipling





Richard Spicer Obituary

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Greenwich Village Funeral Home on Feb. 6, 2026.

Richard Charles Spicer age 88 of New York City and West Camp, NY passed away February 4, 2026. He was born on December 5, 1937, in [Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin](#) to John and Lorraine Barthen Spicer. Ric was a graduate of Linden McKinley High School in Columbus, Ohio and Otterbein University where he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity aka Country Club. He did graduate studies at the University of Nebraska and the Stella Adler School of Acting.

After service as a US Air Force officer in Lincoln, Nebraska, Ric located to Greenwich Village in New York City. He experimented with acting but being a starving artist was not his style. He began Coding and Market Research for J Walter Thompson Advertising, after which he pursued a career in media research sales at AMRB, SMRB, Roger Percy Associates, and concluded his career as Senior Vice President of Sales for Competitive Media Research. Richard was a 50-year Patron of the Metropolitan Opera. He loved worldwide travel, was an avid New York Road Runners Club member, and ran the New York Marathon in 1980. He served on numerous Greenwich Village Property boards. Following in his father John's footsteps, for the past 40 years, Richard and William Spitler were co-owners of Western Ebony LLC which races and breeds thoroughbred horses in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Florida.

Richard is survived by his partner, William Spitler, sister Linda Spicer Beckner (Dick Beckner), and many family and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Lorraine Spicer and his brother John Spicer, (Saundra). Services will be held at Greenwich Village Funeral Home, 199 Bleecker St., New York City on February 8, 11am to 1pm. Private Internment. Contributions may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) in memory of Ric.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

Zoom in to read obituary or go to <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/worthington-oh/john-france-12718296>

John William France

FEBRUARY 12, 1943 - JANUARY 21, 2026



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John William France, age 82, of Columbus, went to his eternal resting place January 21, 2026 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He retired from Emerson Corporation following nearly three decades of service there and to its predecessor, Liebert. He was an Ohio Army National Guard Veteran.

John will be remembered for his selflessness, loyalty, and commitment to God, Family, Friends and Country. His granddaughters, Corvettes, and the Buckeyes were among his passions. Going to a Corvette club meeting, a lunch with former workmates, sitting with family at the table for dinner, taking one of his grandchildren to school or practice, or watching Ohio State beat yet another opponent were some of the ways he spent his time in recent years. Prior to that, he worked more than most, but he still figured out how to spend quality time with the love of his life, Sandy, and steadfastly support his son, Matt, in his efforts in anything he was pursuing.

John was preceded in death by parents Edward Lafayette and Faye Marie (Glick) France, brother, Donald Lee France, his beloved wife, Sandra Sue (Armstrong) France, and his sister in law, Connie France. He is survived by his son, Matthew John France, daughter in law, Jamie Ann (Little) France, grandchildren Katerina Elise and Sophia Marcelle France, brother, Larry and sister in law, Susan, nephews and nieces, Scott, Heather, Lee Anne, Jennifer, Tammi, Marc, and other relatives.

Family will receive friends Sunday, February 8 at Schoedinger Funeral Home, North 6699 North High St., Worthington, Ohio 43085 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Afterwards, family invites friends to an offsite celebration of life. In lieu of flowers or donations, please take those allocated funds and put them towards a family or close friend meal, as he cherished those opportunities and knew what good they can do.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Schoedinger Worthington, located at 6699 N High Street, Worthington, OH, 43085, United States. The event is scheduled for February 8, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



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After a long struggle with congestive heart failure, my husband, Ron Kish passed away peacefully last Friday, February 6, 2026 🙏