

Linden McKinley HS





Comments and Observations

June again ... I really don't remember how I spent my summers during my high school years ... I didn't have paying jobs and don't remember other kids in the neighborhood working, either, with one exception ... Of course, I got a real job at Lazarus after graduation and worked there summers, Christmas breaks, and spring breaks ... No Fort Lauderdale and fun in the sun for me, as I needed the money ... No regrets ,,,

LM Trivia Pursuit

Who went by the moniker "Big John" in the Class of '60?

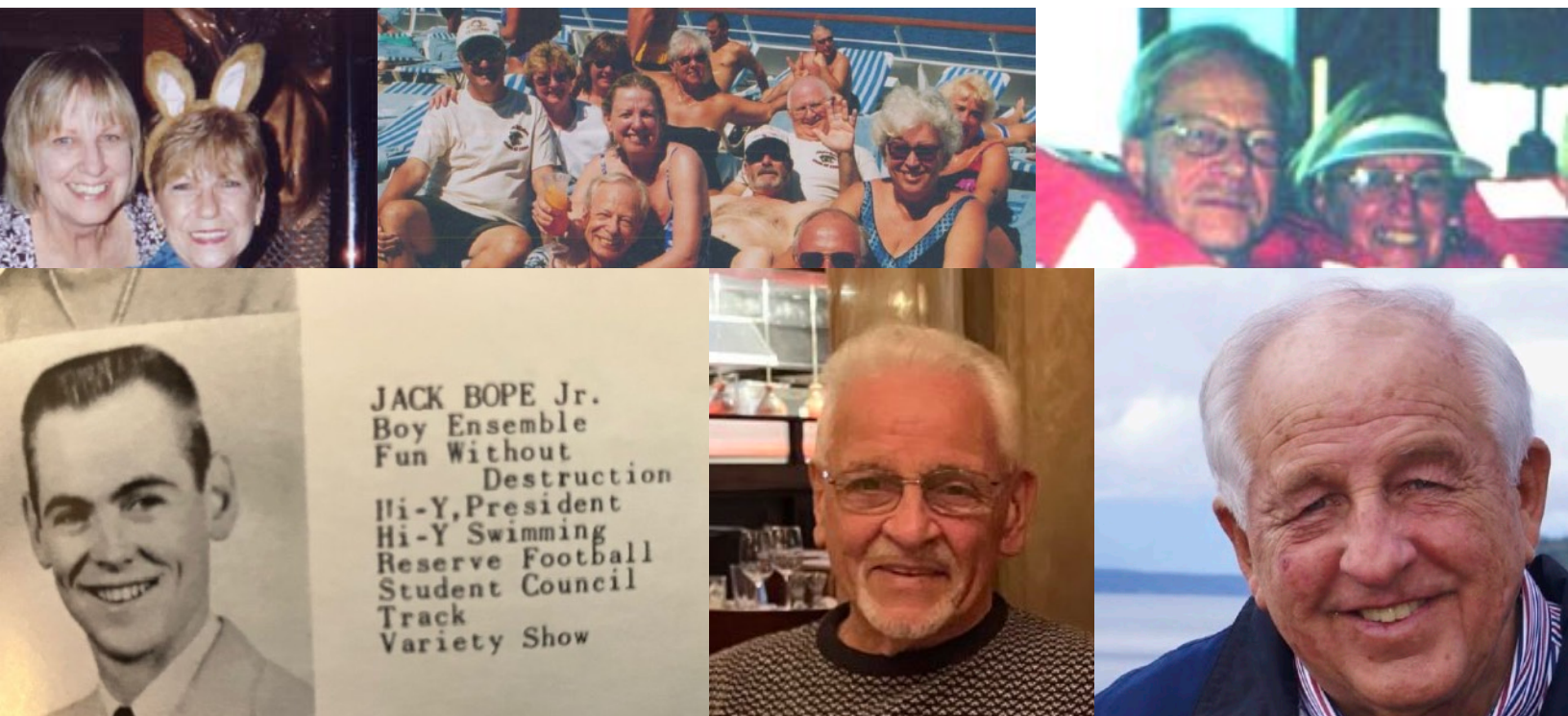
Last Month's Question: *What LM grad was a member of several presidents' Secret Service protective details?* Paul Burns ...

Link Du Jour

Click on the group or artist ... Who remembers "Fortunate Son"?

Quote of the Day

"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored." --- Aldous Huxley



JACK BOPE Jr.
Boy Ensemble
Fun Without
Destruction
Hi-Y, President
Hi-Y Swimming
Reserve Football
Student Council
Track
Variety Show

Go, Panthers

In Memoriam

Jack Bope Jr. Obituary

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Jack Randall Bope Jr., born May 6, 1938, in Columbus, Ohio, passed away peacefully in his home on May 19, 2026. He was called home to be reunited with his beautiful wife of 67 years, Judith Irene Bope; his son, Scott Eugene Bope; his parents, Eleanor Winifred Bope and Jack R. Bope Sr.; and his great-grandson, Parker Wayne Gorsuch.

Jack will be remembered as a loving, devoted husband of 67 years to his wife, Judy Irene Bope. Together, they built a life filled with love, faith, and family. They raised four wonderful children in a loving home: son Randy Bope and his three children, Josh, Jennifer, and Jamie; daughter Debra (Bope) Gorsuch and her husband, Barry, and their five children, Holli, Sean, Heidi, Haley, and Hannah; son Scott Bope, remembered with love, and his four children, Syera, Selena, Shane, and Savanna; and daughter Christina (Bope) Perri and her husband, Mark, and their three children, Gabrielle, Victoria, and Christopher. He is also survived by his two sisters, Linda McNerney and Julia Hudgins.

Jack met the love of his life, Judy, while they were attending Linden-McKinley High School. Jack graduated in 1957, and just a year later, on June 21, 1958, they were married. They made their home in Westerville, where they raised their four children. Jack loved his wife more than anything in this world. She was his rock, and he was her protector.

Jack proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1957 and faithfully served his country with honor and pride until 1963, earning an honorable discharge with the rank of Lance Corporal. He carried the values of dedication, strength, and service that he learned in the Marines with him throughout the rest of his life.

After the Marines, he became a gasoline dealer in 1969 and opened his first gas station off Cleveland Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, called Bope Shell Station. In 1985, he purchased Bope Sunoco in Westerville, located off Walnut Street and State Street, and proudly sold the station to his son Scott in 1999. Jack later sold Bope Shell Station in 2004, retiring from the gasoline business.

After retiring from the gasoline industry, he proudly became a school bus driver in Westerville, Ohio, where he drove a school bus for 19 years.

Jack was also known as a jack of all trades. He served as a past president of the Central Ohio Gas Dealer Associates, past commander with the American Legion, past president of the Beacon Lions, and a past president and board member of the Franklin County Board of Health for over 30 years.

Jack was also a very devoted Aladdin Shrine member, where he was a part of the clown unit for over 48 years and performed in the Aladdin Shrine Circus.

Jack may have had multiple roles and titles, but the one thing he will always be known for is being a very devoted, nurturing family man.

Jack was a very proud grandfather ("Papa") to his 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

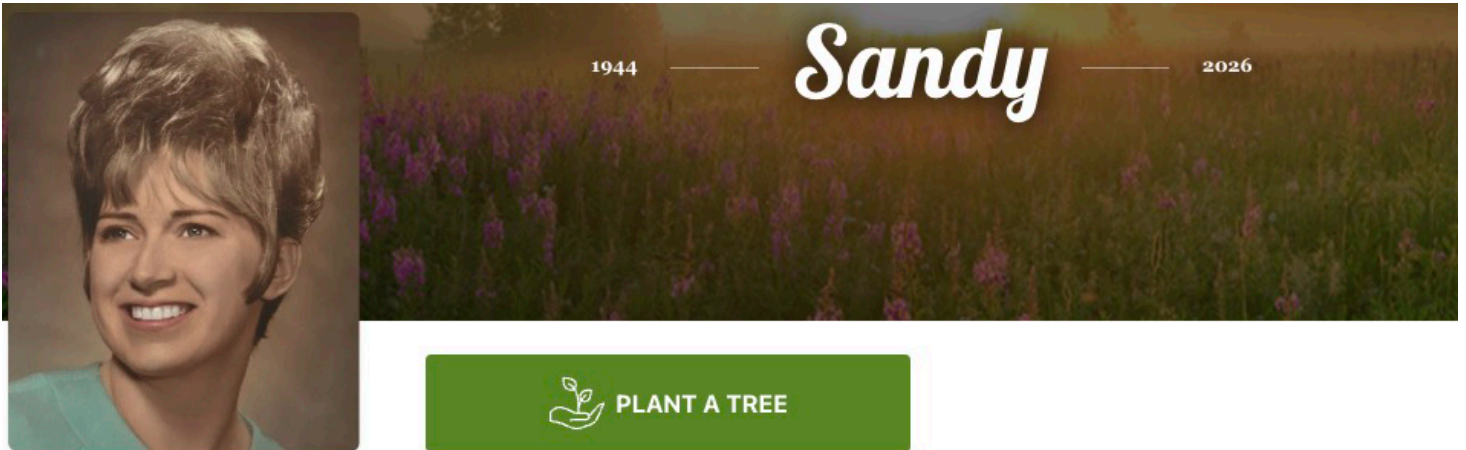
Jack took his role as a papa very seriously. He made sure his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were protected, loved, and safe. Jack made sure his home was a second home for his family, creating a safe space for them alongside his wife. He wanted to make sure their home was full of love, laughter, and a place where memories were made. Every holiday dinner and every summer cookout meant something special to him, but the summers were the most important to Jack because he wanted to make sure his backyard was a summer oasis for his family. Every summer, he would sit on the back porch watching his grandkids swim in the backyard pool, and eventually yell, "HERE I COME," before doing a big cannonball into the pool, creating a huge splash.

As his grandkids would say, "Those summers growing up were the best years of our lives, and we wish we could go back in time and relive those moments with our mama, papa, and cousins." Hearing those words meant everything to Jack because creating those memories and giving his family a childhood filled with love, laughter, and togetherness was one of the things he was most proud of in life.

Jack and Judy loved nothing more than spending time together and being surrounded by their family. They found so much joy in watching their grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up and create memories with the people they loved most. They also shared a special love for dancing. Every weekend, they looked forward to going out together, dancing side by side, just like they had throughout their entire marriage. Whether it was a crowded dance floor or a quiet evening together, Jack and Judy were always happiest simply being together.

Above all, Jack cherished the life and family he built alongside his wife, Judy. Their 67 years together were filled with unwavering love, devotion, laughter, and dancing side by side through every chapter of life. Together, they created a family rooted in love and togetherness, and that legacy will continue to live on for generations to come.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Suncrest Hospice and Shriner's Children's Hospital. Please see the link below to donate.



Sandra Marlene Rodenfels

October 20, 1944 — May 16, 2026

Sandra “Sandy” Rodenfels, age 81, of Worthington, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at Country View of Sunbury, after suffering a stroke in January of this year.

Sandy was born in Columbus, Ohio, and graduated from Linden-McKinley High School in 1962. She held various positions throughout her life but treasured working at her sister’s furniture [KM1] store, Riverside Casual in the mid-1980’s. Subsequently, she went on to work for Dr. Thomas Verhoff, DDS, as an insurance specialist, where she retired after working there for many years.

Sandy was the youngest of four children of the late Albert and Inez Barton. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Michael, her brother Terry (Barb) Barton, sister Diane (Larry) Morris, and sister-in-law, Bobbie (George) Rubin. She is survived by her daughter, Kristi (Bruce) Miller, sister Sue Rotunda, brother-in-law’s, Fr. Jerry Rodenfels, Joe Rodenfels (Becca) and grand dog, Beckham. She had six nephews and nieces that she loved dearly as well as their children.

In addition to her family, she treasured her friends and particularly enjoyed going to lunch or dinner with them. She always looked forward to the monthly “lunch bunch” outings with her Linden McKinley classmates. Sandy was a member of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Ohio, where she also had many friends. She loved nature, traveling and animals, particularly her many grand dogs throughout the years as well as her nephew Pat’s dog, Peanut. She had a wicked sense of humor, which she maintained to the end, but was also known for her compassion and kindness.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Shaw-Davis Funeral Home on Thursday, June 18th from 1-3 on N. High Street. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CHA animal shelter in Columbus, Ohio or a local animal shelter of your choosing. Kristi would like to thank the nurses and nursing assistants of Country View that cared for her mother, as well as the Bella Care Hospice team, particularly Carrie and Emilie, that provided care and comfort to both Sandy and Kristi.