

Linden McKinley HS





Comments and Observations

I'm not a teacher; nor am I any kind of educational *expert* ... but IMHO junior-senior high arrangements are wrong on so many levels ... My first year at LM Jr High was one of my worst public school years; and, my next two years at a newly constructed junior high were the absolute best ... The only other combined junior-senior high school in the Columbus Public Schools was Eastmoor ... LM is the only junior-senior high school in the system now ...

LM Trivia Pursuit

What LM grad was once employed by the CIA in Washington?

Last Month's Question: *What '60 classmate never liked Coca Cola but loved to play poker?* Diane Askew Tweed ...

Link Du Jour

Click on the group or artist ... Who remembers "Little Star"?

Quote of the Day

"Float like a butterfly; sting like a bee." — Mohammad Ali



In Memoriam

Marilyn Jo (Ross) Huitger passed away peacefully at home on July 20, 2026. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Lessie Ross; her beloved son, Lant Yeazel; and her sister, Martha Cua.

Marilyn is lovingly remembered by her devoted husband of 40 years, Tom Huitger; her sister, Mary (Greg) Shipley-Smith; her stepchildren, Carrie and Collins Huitger; her cherished grandchildren, Amelia and Vincent Huitger; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives she touched.

Marilyn lived a remarkable life filled with adventure, purpose, and love. Raised in Columbus, Ohio, she moved to Washington, DC to work in a top-secret position for the CIA, later returning to Columbus, where she married and welcomed her son, Lant.

Later, after marrying the love of her life, Tom, Marilyn embraced country living on their farm in West Mansfield, Ohio, where they raised registered Angora goats and other animals. After the passing of her mother, Marilyn, Tom, and Lant embarked on a new adventure in Haines, Alaska. There, they made their home in a rustic log cabin, which Marilyn and Tom lovingly built into a place of warmth, comfort, and lasting memories.

She served as Manager of the Haines Chamber of Commerce and was one of the founders of the Alaska Bald Eagle Festival, an annual tradition that continues today. She treasured life there, from building out their cabin and embracing the challenges of Alaskan winters to learning how to rescue bald eagles and becoming part of the close-knit community she loved. Upon returning to Columbus, Marilyn continued her career with the Ohio Chamber before joining HER Realtors (now Howard Hanna Real Estate), where she worked until her retirement.

Marilyn will be remembered for her quick wit, sharp intelligence, and passion for the causes she believed in. She had an incredible memory, never forgot a birthday, and made those around her feel remembered and valued. Above all, she treasured her family. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren, Amelia and Vincent, whose lives were forever enriched by her love. Marilyn will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her, and her memory will live on in the many lives she touched.

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering on July 29 from 5-8pm, at the Amelita Mirolo Barn in Upper Arlington for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](https://www.stjude.org)).

Obituary

Nelson Lee Frye, age 83, of Denver, Colorado passed away peacefully on June 13, 2026. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores "Dodie" Frye whom he loved dearly. He leaves behind a loving family including his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Frye; his son, Nelson David Frye and his wife, Donna; his step-sons, John Ritsick and wife, Louisa, and Joshua Ritsick and wife, Katie; his brother Herbert Kirchner; and five grandchildren - Emily, James, Aidan, Neale, and Jessica - who held a special place in his heart. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Marcia, and his brother, Chuck.

Nelson was born in Columbus, OH, on July 23, 1942. He grew up in Columbus and graduated from Linden McKinley High School in 1960. He was a member of the Army Reserves, and his educational background included an Associate's Degree in Technology from Columbus Technical Institute, a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology from Miami University, a Master's Degree in Organization Development from Bowling Green State University, a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development from University Associates. In addition, he was a Graduate of the Engineering Economics Program at Iowa State University.

Nelson was very proud of his professional career that included a dual track that emphasized technology and the human side of business. His education and associated work experience prepared him for engineering, management and executive positions. He had long careers with AT&T, that included (Western Electric, Ohio Bell, and American Transtech), ARC International Ltd., and Accenture. He became a master trainer in work force development and leadership training. He conducted training in 11 different countries, and most states within the United States. He was instrumental in developing programs for people to manage themselves for success at work.

Nelson was an avid sports fan, especially of the Ohio State Buckeyes, and he loved Colorado. For most of his life, he kept himself in top physical condition through a disciplined weight lifting regimen. He also enjoyed listening to all kinds of music and dancing. He had a great appreciation for nature and animals which was apparent from the lion paintings that graced the walls of his home, and the pet dogs and cats which he enjoyed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation:

