



## Wallace E. Linn

July 29, 1925 - November 9, 2018

Wallace E. Linn, 93, passed away on November 9, 2018. Wally was born and raised in Essex, Iowa. He was an exceptional athlete and received a scholarship at Iowa State University, left school to join the Navy, and served as an officer in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war, he attended Drake University, where he played football and met his future wife Carolyn. He pursued a career in teaching and coaching on the high school level, first in Iowa, and then in Illinois. He finished his 40 year career as the Athletic Director at Oak Forest H.S. in Illinois. Wally and Carolyn split their retirement years between Oak Forest and Arizona, enabling them to play golf year round. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Carolyn, and son Michael. He is survived by his three sons, Thomas (Debra) William (Linda), and James. He was the proud Grandfather of Joseph, Brett, Michael, Jessica, Mattie, and Jetaun, and four Great Grandchildren. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 2 pm until 5 pm at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 295 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Wally's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Wally, Carolyn and I worked together for many years at District 228. Two nicer people one couldn't find. Wally and I shared our break and lunch during my years at Oak Forest and I valued his advice and friendship. We had a great visit a few weeks ago with Bill Gamble. My sympathies to the Linn Family.....A good man and a life well lived.

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**Jim Riordan** - November 17, 2018 at 12:29 AM

LB

“ I was in the OFHS Class of 77 as well as an OFHS employee in the 80's. Wally and Carolyn were the nicest people and are truly missed. Sending many thoughts and prayers for the Linn family. (Lori DeVos Barelli)

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**Lori Barelli** - November 16, 2018 at 09:02 AM

VS

“ Condolences to the entire Linn Family. Mr. Linn was our AD in the '70's and a well respected person at OFHS ans the Oak Forest community. May he rest in peace.

*Vince Schmidt - OFHS 1978  
Glendale, Arizona*

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**Vince Schmidt** - November 16, 2018 at 08:56 AM

RR

“ *My sincere condolences to Wally's family.*

*I worked with Wally and Carolyn at Oak Forest in the 70's and early 80's. Wally was one of the stalwarts along with Toby Hightower and Phil McBain who made Oak Forest one of the best places to work and learn during that era. Wally always told it the way he saw it leaving little doubt as to where he stood. It was always a pleasure to visit with Wally when he would stop in at the Ad Center in the summers after he retired. I was the assistant superintendent in those days, and we had some laughs about the early years at Oak Forest.*

*Rest in Peace Wally. You earned it.*

*Ray Reiplinger*

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**Ray Reiplinger** - November 15, 2018 at 11:59 PM



“ *Prayers to the Linn family. I enjoyed my days at Oak Forest working with and for Wally. He was very supportive, God Bless.*

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**Mary Leach** - November 15, 2018 at 09:32 AM

MH

“ *Wally was a good friend of my mother, Emily Stovall, at Heritage Lodge. I know she valued his friendship a great deal. They dined at the same table most/all of the time and shared many of the same values.*

*Sorry for your loss,  
Mary Heck*

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**Mary Heck** - November 14, 2018 at 11:39 PM

ML

“ I feel so blessed to have known Wally and his family thru the years he lived at Heritage Lodge. So many wonderful fun moments with him. He was always at every activity and was up for any crazy thing we had planned. Rest In Peace Wally 🙏🙏

*With love and sympathy,  
Mary LaVoie*

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**Mary LaVoie** - November 14, 2018 at 09:50 PM