



H. Wayne Linton

September 10, 1925 - September 12, 2013

Wayne Linton, 88, of Fort Collins, CO passed away September 12, 2013. Wayne was born September 10, 1925 to Fred and Isabelle Linton, in Racine, Wisconsin. He graduated from Washington Park High School in Racine, in 1944. He was the Drum Major for the Racine Kilties. Wayne joined the Army and trained at Camp Lee, Virginia. He served in the ALSOS Mission. The purpose of the ALSOS Mission was to determine and prevent Nazi progress on the atomic bomb and learn when it could become operational. Wayne completed his Bachelor of Arts at Carthage College and his Master of Arts from Colorado State College of Education. He began his teaching career at Lincoln Junior High as a Math, Social Studies, English, Literature and Science teacher. Wayne also was a counselor, assistant principal and principal at Lincoln before opening Blevins Junior High as principal in 1968. He retired in 1985. He worked for the Forest Service in the Poudre Canyon and taught classes at Woodward Governor in the summer. He was the Colorado Education Association President in 1965, President and Treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Collins and a member of the Elks Lodge. Wayne coached JAA Football and Pony League baseball and was a Jr. Leader for the Longs Peak Boy Scouts. He was a card carrying Die Hard Cub Fan, and also a Rockies, Broncos and Ram Fan. He loved to fish, hunt, bowl, golf, and play cards. In 1951 he met and married Shirley Arbogast. They have been active members of Trinity Lutheran Church for more than 60 years. Together they raised a family and enjoyed family events with grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. They were honored in 1989 by having Linton Elementary named for them. They enjoyed volunteering at Linton. Wayne and Shirley enjoyed traveling, theater, and their cabin in Gould. They enjoyed supporting their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in all their activities. They shared their love and knowledge of Colorado through volunteering at the Colorado Welcome Center. They enjoyed numerous friends, among them the 'Potluck Group' and the 'New Years Eve Group.' Wayne is survived by his wife, Shirley; children, Fred Kim Linton, Robert Sally Linton, Ann Bruce Scott; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Lou Linton of Fort Collins. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Isabelle Linton. A memorial service will be held Saturday September 21, 2013, 10:30 a.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church. Interment will be at a later date at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Donations may be made to Linton Elementary in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in the fond memories of your family member. It is comforting to know the Bible speaks of a time when “death will be no more” at Rev 21:3, 4. During your time of bereavement you can find comfort from reading the Bible.

K Adams - October 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Linton family. I have fond memories of Mr. Linton as our principal at Blevins Junior High. Ann and I were friends in Girl Scouts. Hugs to you all!

Kacy Thompson - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To all in the Linton Family, I was saddened to hear of Wayne's death. He was such a good neighbor and both a gentle man and a gentleman whenever we met. My condolences to everyone in the family. He will be missed.

Karla Santich - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Recently I returned to Fort Collins after 55 years away, and was sadden to see the death of Mr. Linton. He was my social studies teacher at Lincoln and the only teacher I remember from my early years, He was a great teacher and counselor. Please accept my deepest sympathy at his passing.

Judy McLean - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Ann, my prayers are lifted for you and your family at the loss of your father. Wayne was definitely a soft spoken man with a special smile. He and Shirley were always ready to jump in and do what they could whether it be at Trinity or at the schools. We are in Phoenix right now, or I would have been at the service. Hope to see you soon. Sandie and Ken

Sandie Axelsen - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Linton Family, Mr. Linton was my principal at Blevins JHS. He was a wonderful man, always up beat and fair. He took the time to get to know all of "his" students. I know he made a difference in many lives. He was an exceptional educator and great man. My deepest condolences to you all.

Barbara Dael Pursley - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I extend my condolences to the Linton family. While I was a graduate student at CSU and looking for a job to make ends meet, Wayne offered me an opportunity as a lunch room monitor as well as coaching positions in football and track at Blevins. I came to know Wayne as the consummate educator. His influence and impact on the youth of Fort Collins as well as the many professionals he mentored will always be remembered. Sincerely,
Ken and Phyllis Bledsoe

Ken Bledsoe - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Linton family, I send my sympathy and prayers that you will find peace and comfort during a sad time. I had the privilege of teaching at Linton Elementary for about 15 years. During many of those years, I was so fortunate to have Wayne as a weekly volunteer in my classroom. Wayne was always patient with any student he worked with, always the kindest and most gentle. Wayne was such an inspiration to my students and also to me. He will be missed by many.

Mary Halcomb - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Shirley and family, I send my sympathy and my appreciation for both Wayne and Shirley as wonderful educators in our community. Wayne was my daughter's principal at Blevins, and, Shirley, you were my son's kindergarten teacher. You were both a great help to them. Also, all the other good things you have done for Fort Collins are too numerous to mention! Love and thanks,

Betty Moseley - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Shirley and Family, My mom, Jean Herrington Scott and I would like to share our condolences with you in Wayne's passing. He was such a good man, friend, teacher and principal. He enjoyed life and had such a kind gentle character. You and Wayne helped our family in many ways and we will always be thankful for your friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God Bless you all.

Sue Herrington Markham - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I have been in Education for all of my adult life. During that time I have met many outstanding Educators and Wayne was one of the great ones. I write this on the occasion of his passing. He was an inspiration to those of us who were privileged to know and learn from him. Rest in peace my friend, you deserve a special measure of God's love for your accomplishments on this temporary home we call earth. With some sadness for the loss of a dear friend, some joy knowing he is in the hands of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Stan Cole - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Wayne was both a mentor and inspiration for me during my teaching tenure at Blevins Jr. High. I leaned from his kindness and gentility towards others and his commitment to giving everything to educate our youth. He will always be one of my favorite human beings.

Mark Lukes - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ May God Bless your family.

LuAnn Lind - September 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Wayne Linton's family Fred, Robert, Ann was one of the many strong and supportive families in the 'Village' that helped raise the kids of Fort Collins. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of a wonderful man, educator, husband, father. May your hearts be full of memories and love. Sandy

Sandy Kienholz - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Ann, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Kent Soukup*

Kent Soukup - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Dear Linton Family, I will forever be grateful to Mr. Linton for the opportunity he gave me to begin my career in education at Blevins. The family of educators he inspired and supported blessed thousands of lives. I know he is in the Lord's arms now. May our Savior grant the Linton family peace during this time of loss.*

Rick Ramirez - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Robert, thank you for your e-mail concerning your fathers passing. I had the privilege of working with your father for many years. First at old Lincoln Jr. High then at Blevins when it opened until he retired. He was a kind and very capable leader. One of the best men I have known. My condolences to your family. I will miss him.*

Bob Webb - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Wayne and Shirley were our next-door neighbors on Smith Place for a number of years, and they were the kindest and best neighbors and friends anyone could have. What a kind and sweet man Mr. Linton was; he will be missed. Shirley--we wish you all the best and send our love to you. We are grateful to have been your neighbors for those last years you were at the house. Love, Debra, Rob, Simon and Caroline*

Debra L. Walker - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Hello Anne and family. I attended Blevins Junior High as a new 7th grader the year Blevins opened and your Dad was our principal. He was a great guy. My Dad, Harry Kahler used to play golf with Wayne and various other activities. His World War II generation will certainly be missed. Thinking of you. Wendie Robinson

Wendie Robinson - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ My heart goes out to you, dear Ann, and your large, wonderful family. God Bless you all, Wendy and Kim

Wendy Miller - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Wayne was one of the first people I met when I began my career in the Poudre School District. Always a gentleman and a helpful colleague, Wayne was also my daughter's junior high school principal, and Ann was a colleague of mine at Rocky Mountain High School for many years. Condolences to his family.

Paul Radcliff - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Wayne Linton has been an inspiration to me & to the whole Linton Elementary School community for 24 years! As a staff member at the school since it's opening, it has been my privilege to know both Wayne & Shirley as mentors and faithful volunteers at Linton Elementary. Wane Linton truly "walked the walk" in all aspects of his life. What a wonderful example for all who knew him! How blessed his family and the community has been to have Wayne in their life! Thanks to the family for sharing this great man! Fondly, Katie Anderson

Katie Anderson - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KM

“*Mary Lou, I was sorry to hear of your brother's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I know you were very close to him and that it will take some time to heal. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*”

Karen McKissick - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“*My sympathies to the Linton Family. Mr. Linton was my principal at Blevins. I remember him being a great man and always caring about us students. I appreciated his ready smile and willingness to hear pretty much anything from us! God's grace and peace to you all.*”

Allison Crews - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“*Fred, Kim, and their beloved family. Jess and I wish you all the best in this hard time. A great Ram and a great man will be missed. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.*”

Tyler & Jessica Shannon - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you as you honor and remember Wayne. I knew him as a wonderful friend and fishing buddy of my father, TRBlevins. May he rest in peace. Lois Margaret Dede Blevins Austin*”

Dede Blevins Austin - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“*Remembering a great teacher, principal and man of honor. Condolences to his family.*”

Kathleen Tuttle - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We are sorry to learn the loss of your loved one. Our sympathies are with your family Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785 Fort Collins, CO

Marine Corps League Auxiliary - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ To Fred and the rest of the Linton family, So sorry for the loss of your father/loved one. May God bless his amazing grace upon your father and the rest of you during this time of sorrow.

Kelly Harris - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Robert and all of the Linton family- My heart is heavy for you at this very difficult time. I have extremely fond memories of Wayne and the whole family. He was a wonderful person. Cherish the memories. You all remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Kathy Mai Koeller - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am sorry to hear about Mr. Linton, I had him in math in the eighth grade, and really enjoyed his class. He also worked with my dad Alfred Lockwood with the forest service. He was a very good man.

Judith Pearson - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I had the privilege of being the principal at Linton Elementary and will always be grateful for the support and kindness I received from Shirley and Wayne. It was truly an honor to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of two great educators.

Marsha Gustafson - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Shirley & family. It is with heavy heart to hear of your lose of Wayne. It was my pleasure to have been welcomed into your home. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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LB

“ I was very sorry to hear of Wayne Linton's passing. I remember him as my principal at Blevins junior high. I also have memories of his family at Trinity Lutheran Church. Bob and I were in the same confirmation class. My deepest condolences to the family for the loss of this wonderful man.

Laurel Brooks - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Shirley, Fred, Robert and Ann - we send our deep condolences for your loss of this wonderful man. Wayne will be remembered for his compassion, thoughtfulness and his love for the art of teaching. I recall his encouragement when we were growing up about pursuing our academic and professional goals. I knew him as your spirited and loving father and husband, as that diehard Cubs fan, devoted principal, and finally as a friend. We will miss him, but I know he is looking down tonight with that everpresent warm smile. Thanks, Wayne, for so much.

Don and Ann Marie Karaki - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ So sorry for the loss of Wayne. I have very fond memories of both him and Shirley. It was truly my honor to have worked for both of them. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time. Sincerely Terri Coomer

Terri Coomer - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Dudley's passing. He was such a gentleman. I always looked forward to visiting with him when our families would get together. He was a worthy opponet when we played Gin. I can only think that he and my mom are now visiting with one another free of all of their ailments. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I wish I could have come out there to support you. Joan

Joan Slovachek - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Wayne was a true gentleman and gentle man. It was an honor to work in Poudre District with him. Shirley and Family...you are such a lovely family and know the happy memories of Wayne will sustain you.

Loretta Madden - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I've known Wayne since I've been a little girl. My parents, John and Pat were members of the Potluck Group. Wayne also helped me get a job teaching at Tavelli. He was an inspiration to us all. I have so many fond memories of him and Shirley. I am blessed to have known him.

Mary Offerman Moore - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

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WF

“ I'm very sorry to read of Wayne's passing. He was a gifted educator and administrator.

Wendell Frey - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ SHirley, Ann and family I am so sorry to hear about Wayne's passing. I'll always treasure my memories of the Pot Luck group, and how Wayne was such a wonderful part of that group. From the time I was a little girl Till the last time I saw hom at Mulligan's- he always called me Sweetie Pie My family has been blessed to know such a wonderful man. I am very sorry for your loss.

Therese Offerman - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Shirley and family, we are so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. I treasure the memories we have of fun trips to Glendevvey and later to the cabin at Gould. We had lots of great family times together. I am so thankful for the lifelong friendship you have with my folks. I will always remember Wayne and you as being so gracious in having time for a visit when we were in CO. We are praying the Lord will be very close to you and give you peace at this difficult time.

Jean Riddle Boyd - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I have worked at Linton Elementary for the last 12 years, and I remember when Wayne and Shirley came to volunteer. They read at our school Read A Thon as guest readers, came to support music performances, and Shirley read to students in the library. Wayne was always so warm and friendly to everyone he met, and you could tell how proud he was of Linton Elementary and all of the kids here. He will be missed by us all. God bless to Shirley, their children, grandchildren, and extended family. He was a great man!

Sandy Scheirman - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Linton's passing. I worked at Linton Elementary and always enjoyed visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Linton when they would come to school to work with the students. He always had such a great smile and just enjoyed being there. My prayers go out to his family and loved ones. It was a honor to know him.

Becky Brown - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM