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1940-49

William Stryker '40 of San Marcos, Calif., celebrated his 95th birthday on Sept. 12.

Pauline (Shepherd) Anderson '45 of Portland celebrated her 90th birthday on Dec. 20.

Margery (Jordan) Pease '47 of Billings, Mont., celebrated her 88th birthday on June 6.

Janet (Herring) Dewitt '48 of Sioux Falls, S.D., continues to lead retreats for women. She has a long history of supporting women through outreach programs.

Bruce Stewart '49 of McMinnville and **Evelyn (Andrus) Hanks '57** of Portland were married Nov. 10 in Sunriver with **Jack Kiekel '65** officiating. They live in Lake Oswego.

1950-59

Gene W. Miller '51 of Bellevue, Wash., is a retired coast captain in the Coast Guard Reserve. He taught business law and accounting at Grant High School and in Albany.

Glenn Tilton '56 of Sacramento, Calif., celebrated his 80th birthday Dec. 13.

Thomas Blackburn '57 of Garden City, Idaho, and his wife, Ginger, retired after serving his first church for 40 years. Their book, *Formula for a Miracle*, shares their experiences.

Charles Taylor '57 of Camarillo, Calif., was awarded a lifetime membership in the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International.

Nancy (Terrell) Yacher '57 of Lawrence, Kan., is retired from teaching in the English Department at the University of Kansas.

Marian (Butcher) Weaver '58 of Tamarac, Fla., spent a month in Europe.

Hiram Crane '59 of Gresham and his wife, Marlene, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August.

1960-69

Michael Rothwell '62 of Hines and his wife, Nancy, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in August.

He retired after a career of teaching elementary and high school physical education.

Ron and Sharon (Thompson) Cortese, '64 and '66, of Fairfield, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December.

J. Linsey Hinand '64 of Tacoma, Wash., sings with the Choral Union, a community choir at Pacific Lutheran University.

James Anderson '65 of Roseburg is the author of the book *Immersion into Quantum Creek*.

Linaya Leaf '65 of Billings, Mont., gave the baccalaureate address during the 2013 commencement celebration at Rocky Mountain College, where she retired as an English and theatre arts professor.

Kathryn Weymouth-Skinner '66 of Portland published *What Obituaries Don't Tell You: Conversations about Life and Death*.

Deidra (Phillips) Gardner '66 of Davidson, N.C., recently retired as principal at Piedmont Middle School.

Carol (Smith) Hosler '68 of

Kearney, Ariz., spent three months in Cameroon working with her college roommate **Ruth (Musunu) Titi Manyaka '69** at her NGO Women, Environment and Health. Hosler formed her own nonprofit, Friends of Women, Environment and Health, supporting Manyaka's work.

Jennifer (Hahn) Brown '69 of Scappoose retired after 25 years as administrator with the Tigard-Tualatin School District. She was founder and manager of the Scrip Service Center, a fundraising operation for schools and nonprofits, the Art Literacy Program, volunteers services manager and founding director of the district education foundation.

Alan Chinnock '69 of West Linn retired last year after 34 years at Blount, Inc.

Phoebe (Barber) Roeder '69 of La Mesa, Calif., retired as liberal studies coordinator at San Diego State University.

Key H. Stage '69 of Edenton, N.C., retired from the Paul C. Peters

M.D. Chair in Urology at the University of Texas, Southwestern.

1970-79

Mary (Waller) Strebig '71 of Benicia, Calif., is vice president for the Novato Chamber of Commerce.

Christine (Kenyon) Dahlgren '72 of Columbia City owns Discount and Deals in Clatskanie.

Ed Geist '73 of Portland was inducted into the Grant High School Hall of Fame for being a member of the 1969 state championship basketball team.

Kenneth Kehrer '73 of Teasdale, Utah, is the owner of Double K. Spurs, and during his career in the National Park Service he received the Department of Interior Award for Valor and the Alaska Region Harry Yount Award.

Becky O'Loughlin-Breitwieser '73 of Goodyear, Ariz., is the sponsor of the National Honor Society at Verrado High School.



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– **Becky Hopper '17** | Boise, Idaho

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Richard Birk '74 of Scottsdale, Ariz., founded Go-5 Books and is author of *Dodgeville: Capturing Hearts*.

Craig Changstrom '74 of Loveland, Colo., retired from Hewlett-Packard after 34 years and is now a managing partner for Maximum Export/Import.

Alison Lindsay '74 of Stayton volunteers as historian for the Stayton Fire District and also helps prepare meals for the firefighters. She was named support Volunteer of the Year by the fire district in 2011. She also volunteers at the Stayton Library.

Richard A. Loomis '74 of Portland had the article "Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Journey of Resistance" included in *History (1933-48) What We Choose to Remember* published by the University of Portland. He also gave the presentation "From the Ballot Box to the Supreme Court: The Oregon School Bill of 1922" at the University of Portland.

David Pakula '74 of Clarkston, Wash., is retiring from his urology practice after 29 years.

David Thompson '75 of Peoria, Ariz., retired after teaching Latin at Portland State University. He now teaches part time at Arizona State University.

Bonnie Bobbitt '76 of Portland is the bookkeeper for the Rose City Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Carol (Rohner) Bump '76 of Hillsboro is in her 20th year as a head start teacher.

Cathryn (Ferguson) Cushing '76 of Portland was promoted to senior policy advisor for the Center for Prevention and Health Promotion.

Nadine (Ingersoll) Kincaid '76 of Portland has been selected to volunteer at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, Feb. 7-23. This will be her fourth time volunteering at the Olympics.

Deborah J. McAllister '76 of Rohnert Park, Calif., received a master of divinity degree from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Nora Stevens '76 of Gaston was inducted into the Order of Hickey Pickers at the annual Regional Printing Industries of America (PIA) conference in Seattle, Wash. The

award is given to those who have provided support and service to the industry. Nora serves on the board of directors for the PIA.

Richard Fowler '77 of Klamath Falls retired from Shell Oil Company after 28 years.

Stan Hockett '77 of Hillsboro was recognized for 25 years of federal service, including the Air Force, Department of Veterans Affairs and Bonneville Power Administration.

Tim Ledbetter '78 of Richland, Wash., was appointed director of community outreach to develop and strengthen collaborative partnerships and ease suffering for those in crisis in the greater Tri-Cities area.

Neal Bauder '79 of Sand Creek, Mich., retired from teaching in Alaska.

1980-89

Carol Doane '80 of Vancouver, Wash., works at KGW-TV in Portland.

John Murray '80 of Portland plans to retire at the end of the school year.

Steven D. Taylor '80 of Provo, Utah, is working on a graduate degree in business administration.

Julie (Churchill) Glander '82 of Tahoe City, Calif., is assistant manager of the Tahoe Tree Company.

Peter Weymiller '82 of Gig Harbor, Wash., received a master's degree in environmental policy from Kaplan University.

David Yonker '82 of White Cloud, Mich., has formed the David Yonker Band, a Christian rock band.

Landon Noll '83 of Sunnyvale, Calif., returned to the South Pole in January for the third time to search for meteorites.

Hugh Anderson '84 of Dundee has taught science and coached football for 28 years, currently at Newberg High School.

Katherine (Moench) Lawrence '84 of West Linn received her paraprofessional certification.

Randy and Cheryl (Olson) Lyons '84 and '85 live in Keizer where he is a vice president for Norpack Foods.

Michael Friess '85 of Anchorage, Alaska, was voted Great Northwest Athletic Conference Men's Team

Lindblad earns top teacher award



After a transformative Linfield experience, Michael Lindblad '94 believes in paying it forward.

For his efforts, he's been named Oregon 7-12 Teacher of the Year in Social Studies by the Oregon Council for the Social Studies. His ongoing work at Gresham High School with International Baccalaureate classes, humanitarian projects and commitments at various universities impressed the panel.

Lindblad, of Portland, has been a teacher for 16 years, 13 at Gresham High School teaching global studies and IB history of the Americas. He has also taught community engagement classes at Lewis & Clark College and chaired the Marylhurst University Consortium to improve teacher education programs. Over the years, he has hosted 29 student teachers.

"What I enjoy most about teaching is creating self-esteem in students while inspiring them to chase their dreams and help the world in some way," he said.

At Linfield, he double majored in communications and history, played baseball and traveled to Peru. He credits Tom Love, professor of anthropology, for modeling a passion for learning about world cultures and inspiring Lindblad to travel to Latin America.

"Tom once told me that he went around the world in a boat and that he had been to Peru more than 35 times (which may be 55 by now)," Lindblad said. "At that moment, I realized there was much more that I could accomplish. After improving my Spanish and cultural awareness, I asked Tom how I could ever pay him back for everything he taught me. He said, 'pass the knowledge and passion to learn about the world/Latin America to others. Inspire others!' That is what I've tried to do."

Lindblad and wife, Angela, have five children, including one-year-old twin boys.

and Women's Team Cross Country Coach of the Year. He is in his 24th season at UAA, and swept the two GNAC Coach of the Year awards for the fourth year in a row.

Margaret (Whitty) Richter '86 of Beaverton received a master's degree in nursing education from Gonzaga University.

Lynda (Lybeck) Robinson '86 of Unalaska, Alaska, had a book, *Alaska Sketches*, published by Hal Leonard Publishers.

Susan (Bailey) Webb '86 of Colorado Springs, Colo., is a nurse in the pediatric clinic at Evans Army Community Hospital at Fort Carson Army Base.

Scott Johnson '87 of Amity is working on a master's degree in educational leadership.

Yolanda Vanveen '88 of Vancouver, Wash., is working on her master's in environmental law and policy at Vermont Law School online program. She received her paralegal certificate from Clark College in Vancouver.

Bill McCready '89 of Minden, Nev., the lead pastor at LifePoint Church, taught leadership development classes in Nairobi, Kenya, with a team from When I Grow Up, a nonprofit dedicated to eradicating extreme poverty around the world.

Anne (Lindberg) Turner '89 of Salem opened a third location of her family-owned sleep apnea medical supply company. She recently earned her Clinical Sleep Educator certificate.

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1990-99

Donna (Moe) Falk '90 of La Center, Wash., has a jam business, Grandma Candy's Jam. She recently published a novel and a children's book.

Simon Lawton '91 of Seattle, Wash., released his third instructional movie, *Progression*.

Timothy Cochran '92 of Eugene married Sarah Schnitzius Oct. 27.

Christopher B. Nash '92 of Escondido, Calif., was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Richard Rosenthal '93 of Ashland was elected to the city council. He also participated in an attempt to set a Guinness Book of World Records for the longest whiffle ball game.

Aaron Waxenfelter '93 of Oregon City received a master's in speech language pathology from Portland State University.

Michael "Brian" Twardoski '94

of Cle Elum, Wash., is vice president of customer and partner solutions at Conductiv Software, Inc.

Mariam Bruce '95 of Portland married Nathan Wicks Aug. 17.

Veronica (Calkins) Heller '96 of La Center, Wash., is director of special programs at Hockinson School District.

Erin (Hall) Jenkins '96 of Milwaukie had a daughter, Elanor, Sept. 17.

Catherine (Conover) Clark '97 of Anchorage, Alaska, and her husband, Paul, had a son Finley Dale, March 27.

Lisa (White) Roper '97 of Meridian, Idaho, is a high school athletic trainer and sports medicine teacher.

Carolyn Heberlein '98 of Hillsboro is an international board certified lactation consultant.

Karen (Churchill) Garcia '99 of Yuba City, Calif., completed a three-year term on the board of directors of the Performance Marketing Association.

Rebeka Gipson-King '99 of Salem is the deputy director of the Office of Communication at the Oregon Health Authority.

Samantha (Schmehl) Hines '99 of Missoula, Mont., published *Revolutionizing the Development of Library and Information Professionals: Planning for the Future*. The edited volume includes contributors discussing the future of professional development for library workers.

Elizabeth (Walsh) Hunt '99 of Anchorage, Alaska, teaches music for the Anchorage School District. She was recently named one of 100 National Educational Partners for the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Khale Century (Tyler) Reno '99 of Jackson Hole, Wyo., is head girls basketball coach at Jackson Hole High School.

Summer (Griffith) Sears '99 of Bend has her own practice, Summer Sears CPA, providing contract work to local governments.

2000-09

Donegal Fergus '00 of Seattle, Wash., and his wife, Kim, had their third child, Maclean Birke, Nov. 16. Donegal is the hitting coach for the University of Washington baseball program.

Ann (Case) Flickinger '00 of Newcastle, Wash., and her husband, Eric, had a daughter, Katie, Aug. 27, their second.

Brian Gustafson '00 of San Francisco, Calif., married Elizaveta Vakhroucheva Oct. 27. He is a principal attorney at Fish & Richardson, P.C.

Kathleen (Frasier) Burbank '00 of McMinnville and her husband, Jacob, had a son, Wyatt Jacob, Jan. 3, their first.

Anne Zimmerman '00 of San Francisco, Calif., and her husband, Sean Finney, had a daughter, Vera, Sept. 20.

James Busby '01 of Iowa City, Iowa, received his master's from the University of Iowa. He participated in the Fall in Art and Soul art show in Michigan.

Todd Patterson '01 of Portland and his wife, Katie, had twin daughters, June 13.

Kelley Story '01 of Eugene is women's program director at Sponsors, Inc.

David T. Watson '01 of Vancouver, Wash., was married July 20.

Daryl Agpalsa '02 of St. Paul, Minn., married **Ali Benson '03** of Whitewater, Wis., July 5. Daryl is offensive line coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Michael Kerr '02 of San Diego, Calif., completed an MBA at San Diego State University in August.

Timothy and Becky (Hadley) Schuette, both '02, of Baker City, had a daughter, Ainsley Grace, May 17.

Kathleen (Harper) Cook '03 of Helena, Mont., and her husband, Brad, had a son, Ethan Cook, in September.

Dan Davison '03 and **Kelsey Lange '11**, both of McMinnville, were married Nov. 23.

Emily Hanes '03 of Forest Grove married Matthew Rawls Aug. 17.

Forest Inter '03 of Kaneohe, Ha-

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waii, and his wife had a son, Hudson Kalahaki, Aug. 4, their second.

James Tate '03 of Salem and his wife, Kacey, had a daughter, Hannah-Grace Noelle, Feb. 5, 2013.

Meredith (Hulbert) Williams '04 of Tacoma, Wash., had a son, Beckett, Sept. 10.

Jacob Hope '04 of Kapolei, Hawaii, and his wife, Nicole, had a son, Elijah, Oct. 9.

Megan (Johnson) Ludena '04 of Vancouver, Wash., earned a master's in nursing at Washington State University in December.

Lillian Read '04 of Liverpool, England, married Justin Finn in April.

Casey Allen '05 of Tualatin married Cappie Smith Sept. 20.

Brett Booher '05 of Portland and his wife, Kirsten, had a son, Benjamin, Aug. 4. Brett is a controller at Reliable Credit Association, Inc. in Milwaukie.

Elise Brimhall '05 of Chicago, Ill., married Benjamin Steel Aug. 23. Both are pastors.

David Rozovski '05 of Orlando, Fla., completed a Ph.D. in industrial engineering, aviation human factors at Purdue University in December.

Justin Samples '05 of Boise, Idaho, completed Ironman Canada and Ironman 70.3 World Championships finishing in 5:01:54.

Sierra Wright '05 of The Dalles married Taylor Groetzing Sept. 14.

Seann Branchfield '06 of Forest Hills, N.Y., released the album *Apocrypha* in October.

Jonathan Fredrick '06 of Issaquah, Wash., completed a Risk Management Certificate from Rutgers University. He is the assistant superintendent for the Washington National Golf Club in Auburn.

Claire Crosby Fulsher '06 of Corvallis had a daughter, Audrey, in June.

Andrew Peters '06 married Jennifer Schenck '08 Aug. 24.

Michael and Kathleen (Wochenick) Greenberg, both '06, of Camas, Wash., had a son, Benjamin Steven, April 25.

Mika Sunago '06 of Portland received a master's in nursing from the University of Phoenix and is a nursing supervisor at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital's Cancer Care

Unit in Portland.

Krystal Ten Kley '07 of Portland married Ryan Soote Sept. 28.

Roxanne T. Nanninga '07 of Durham, N.C., is working on a master's degree at Duke University with a concentration on environmental management.

Carlye (Hill) Parascand '07 of Tumwater, Wash., opened a personal training business.

Alison Shanahan '07 of Bend married Andrew Brouillette Sept. 14.

Chipo Dendere '08 of Atlanta, Ga., completed her Ph.D. in political science at Georgia State University.

Ben Greenberg '08 married Allison Hendrix '09 Sept. 1. She is a naturopathic physician at Federal Way Naturopathy.

Tyler Light '08 of Lake Oswego was accepted into medical school at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

Carmen (Pearsall) Mercier '08 of Grand Ronde is the librarian at the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Jonathan Peralto '08 of Hilo, Hawaii, is an English teacher at Kea'au Middle School.

Sean Radford '08 of Sutherlin is head football coach at Sutherlin High School.

Jeffrey B. Roerig '08 of Portland was married Sept. 14.

Lindsay Sandwick '08 of Florham Park, N.J., married Ryan Kidd Oct. 23.

Laurel A. Newberry '09 of Pittsburgh, Pa., teaches third grade at Urban Pathways.

Justin Surber '09 of Portland is a legal extern in the office of Alaskan Senator Lisa Murkowski.

Alicia Zook '09 married Connor Lieb '10 Sept. 28. They live in Seattle, Wash. Alicia is a third grade teacher in Bellevue and Connor recently graduated from the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs.

2010-13

Gregory Blakeman '10 of Susanville, Calif., was married May 18.

Matthew R. Davis '10 of Dallas is a professor of religious studies at Chemeketa Community College.

Jennifer Jones '10 and her husband, Robert, had a child, Kennedy Holland, Oct. 11.

Lillian Niland '10 of Bellevue, Wash., married Jose Hernandez Aug. 2.

Hunter B. Solt '10 married Sara A. Vonn '08 Aug. 17.

Jesse Aerni '11 of Portland is associate director of annual giving at the Lewis & Clark Law School.

Taylor Avritt '11 of Annandale, Va., is lead trainer with Elevation Franchise Ventures LLC.

Benton Canaga '11 of Hillsboro earned a master's in education at Western Oregon University and is a science teacher at Thurston High School.

Benjamin Edmonds '11 of Orlando, Fla., is in his second year of medical school at Central Florida.

Helen Kehoe '11 of Lake Oswego married A.J. Allen July 21.

Sara Tanabe '11 of Coos Bay was accepted into medical school at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

Eric Biege '12 of Sammamish, Wash., works at CBRE in market research.

Melissa Greenaway '12 of Bend is a workforce analyst specializing in Central Oregon for the Oregon Employment Department.

Jennifer E. Matsch '12 of Portland is working on a doctor of chiropractic degree at the University of Western States.

Shanna R. Peaden '12 of Tucson, Ariz., is a physical education teacher at Vail School District.

Julianne Tejadilila '12 of Portland completed an international MBA at Portland State University.

In Memoriam

Irene (Gabbert) Moore '32 of Union, Wash., Aug. 12. Survivors include daughter, **Joey (Moore) Thompson '54**.

Dorothy (Wall) Helser '36 of McMinnville, Nov. 20. Survivors include daughter, **Susan (Helser) Petersen '66**, and sons, **Dennis '62** and **Roy Jr. '71**.

Catherine (Found) Colville '39 of Sterling, Va., Nov. 17.

Donald Granholm '39 of Mountain View, Calif., Dec. 19.

Helen (Godfrey) Boyd '39 of Tigard, Dec. 1.

Bernice (Pettit) Struckmeier '42 of Salem, Aug. 4.

Helene (Herzog) Bucher '44 of Portland, Oct. 31.

Nadine (Moergeli) Carroll '48 of Medford, Nov. 17.

George Orr '49 of McMinnville, Oct. 11.

Allen Taylor '49 of Portland, Nov. 23. Survivors include brother, **Donald '46**.

Robert Brown '50 of Eugene, Dec. 7.

Harold Wilder '51 of Yakima, Wash., Aug. 21.

Ruth (Latta) Erickson '52 of Palm Desert, Calif., Oct. 25. Survivors include cousin, **William Swift '52**.

Bert Johnson '52 of Portland, Jan. 23. Survivors include wife, **Patricia (Fritz) '54**; son-in-law and daughter **Robert and Tricia (Johnson) Heaukulani '84** and **'83**; son-in-law and daughter **James and Christina (Johnson) Marshall '72** and **'75**; and sister-in-law **Beverly (Fritz) McBride '49**.

Joan (Olson) Lindseth '52 of Seattle, Wash., Feb. 10.

Donald Miller '52 of McMinnville, Oct. 16. Survivors include son, **Peter '69**.

Loral Schroeder '56 of McMinnville, Jan. 22. Survivors include daughter, **Kimberli (Schroeder) Maltman '78**; son, **Mark Schroeder '82, '99**; sister, **Amy (Schroeder) Durham '62**; and granddaughter, **Kaely Maltman '14**.

Beverly (Burdette) Stanton '60 of Seattle, Wash., Nov. 19.

Harvey Thomas Jr. '62 of Aloha, Nov. 21. Survivors include daughter, **Elizabeth Lane '12**.

Richard Laughlin '64 of Tyler, Texas, Dec. 7.

Paulette (Donaldson) Povey '65 of McMinnville, Dec. 6. Survivors include husband, **Neale '63**.

Andreas Hauer '67 of New York City, N.Y., Dec. 24.

John Langenbach '60 of Napa, Calif., Oct. 30, 2009.

Colleen (Greulich) Schacht '70 of Milwaukie, Dec. 22, 2012. Survivors include husband, **David '69**.

Stephen "Vaughn" Hamby '81 of Eugene, July 20.

Norma (Messmer) Shannon '87 of Keizer, Dec. 7.

Bruce Assily '00 of Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 24.

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Anita (Johnson) McKee '55 of Sedro Woolley, Wash., July 20.

Friends and family

Calvin Cabe of McMinnville, Jan. 7, former chair and longtime volunteer for Partners-in-Progress. Survivors include son Gary Cabe '72.

Tim Cheney of Dickinson, N.D., Feb. 9, professor of business at Linfield, 1984-99.

Donna Laughlin of McMinnville, Jan. 20. She retired from the Linfield accounts payable department in 1995.

Dorothy Pinard of Steilacoom, Wash., Oct. 31, former Linfield College trustee, 1989-96.

Theodore J. "T.J." Day '71



Theodore J. "T.J." Day '71 of Reno, Nev., whose passion and commitment to Linfield transformed the college, passed away Jan. 23.

For more than 40 years, Day was an energetic advocate for student educational experiences inside and outside the classroom. He and his wife, Debbie, made many substantial contributions to Linfield, and successfully encour-

aged others to join with them in philanthropic support. Projects that added immeasurably to the college include the renovation of Riley and Walker Halls and Michelbook House, construction of the Rutschman Field House, and creation of the Nicholson Library and Vivian A. Bull Music Center, which was part of the college's expansion to property previously owned by Hewlett-Packard, now known as the Keck Campus. Day was instrumental in securing the largest single corporate and foundation gifts the college had ever received to acquire and renovate that property.

In recognition of the monumental impact that Day had on Linfield College, the Board of Trustees in 2010 unanimously approved the renaming of the renovated Northup Hall to T.J. Day Hall in his honor.

Day, who made his home in Reno, Nev., had a very successful career in real estate and natural resources development. He credited Linfield for getting him ahead of the curve academically, and he completed two master's degrees at Stanford.

He had served on the Linfield Board of Trustees since 1972 in numerous capacities including vice chair. Day was also a member of the board of directors for many companies and organizations, including the W.M. Keck Foundation and the Willametta K. Day Foundation. He was honored numerous times for community service, including being named Linfield's distinguished alumnus in 2011.

Linfield President Thomas Hellie said that Day's experience with the institution and his insight into business and higher education helped shape Linfield's future. He called Day one of the college's greatest supporters and a loyal friend.

More comfortable in jeans and boots than a business suit, Day was reticent to talk about himself. But he was incredibly generous with his time and resources for

organizations and programs in which he believed. Day willingly gave of his time, his business savvy and his resources.

"His big heart, his infectious laugh and his passion and deep affection for Linfield will be greatly missed," said David Haugeberg, chair of the board of trustees.

Nils Lou



Nils Lou, professor of art at Linfield, passed away on Dec. 25. A celebration of life was held in his honor at Linfield Feb. 18.

Lou was known as an artist, teacher, golf coach, and beloved and playful spirit. He joined the Linfield faculty as an adjunct in 1984. In 1987, he was hired as an assistant professor of art and served as the department's chair from 1987-1990. He was the director of the Renshaw Gallery from 1990-1997. During his career at Linfield, Lou received both the Edith Green Distinguished Professorship Award and the Samuel H. Graf Faculty Achievement Award.

Lou was recognized as a leading expert in kiln construction in general and wood firing techniques in particular. His book, *The Art of Firing: A Manual for a Studio Potter*, remains one of the most significant source books on the topic. He is credited with designing the Minnesota Flat Top Kiln, a kiln construction that remains in widespread use throughout the United States and abroad. He was also one of the founders of the East Creek Anagama Kiln.

His presence remains on campus

through several works of art he produced, including paintings on display in Nicholson Library and Walker Hall. Lou also designed the Linfield College Mace, used for ceremonial occasions such as commencement, and designed the sundial on the exterior of Graf Hall that honors the late Winthrop Dolan. Lou's art is in such prestigious collections as the Kanto Gakuin University (Yokohama, Japan); Kremlin Collection of American Art (Moscow, Russia); Walker Art Center (Minneapolis, Minn.); University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, Mich.); and the National Museum of Art (San Jose, Costa Rica), to name a very few.

He was an active and engaged professor, who had published and exhibited his work in more than 200 exhibitions during his career. He received numerous awards and recognitions, including two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and an Oregon Odyssey of the Mind Creativity Award, and was the author of several books, videos and articles including *The Art of Play*.

In memory of his wife, Nancy, Lou established a scholarship fund at Linfield in 2001.

"Nils taught us how to embrace life with curiosity, joy and awe," said Professor Brian Winkenweder, chair of the art and visual culture department. "He was in constant motion towards the future, and he would want us to go forward with joy and not look back in sorrow. I learned much from Nils, but most of it can be reduced to a simple and elegant ethos: PLAY!"

Got news? Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Received another degree? Started a business? Did you get married or have a child in the last 12 months? If you have news for your classmates and other Linfield friends, visit us, linfield.edu/alumni.

