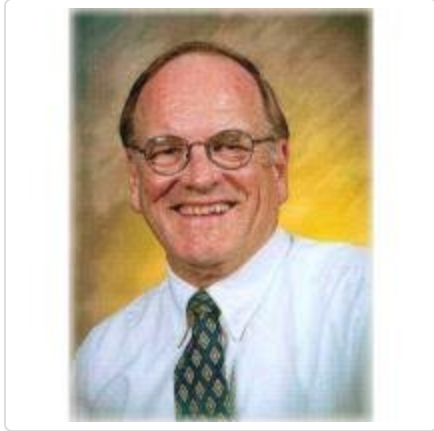




Joseph C Linnertz

June 15, 1941 - June 24, 2012

Joseph C. Linnertz , 71, Bismarck, passed away June 24, 2012, at St. Alexius Hospital, Bismarck. A prayer service will be held at the Eastgate Funeral Service Chapel, 2302 East Divide, for family members at 10 AM Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life ceremony at the Bismarck Municipal Country Club, 930 N Griffin Street in Bismarck at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served at 11:30. Born to Marget and William Linnertz in Minot, ND on June 15, 1941, Joe attended Minot schools and graduated from Surrey High School in 1959. He graduated from Minot State University and received his Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of North Dakota. Joe worked for the US Forest Service, the US Park Service the Boeing Company, and the Halliburton Company in the 1960's. He also taught English in Tioga and Bismarck Public Schools. In 1969, he became Assistant Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity under the Office of Governor William Guy. In 1973, he purchased the Velva Journal, the Drake Register, and Ambrose Progress Weekly Newspapers in McHenry County. While in Velva, Joe served as a Member of the City Commission, Chairman of the Economic Development Board, Chairman of the Nursing Home Board, and Chairman of the Velva Housing Authority. He was instrumental in receiving federal grants to build the nursing home and low income housing, and assisted in securing the site for the Oilseed Crushing Plant.

In 1985, Joe began his career with the Department of Public instruction, in

which he served in several capacities, including Deputy and Acting State Librarian. He was instrumental in advancing school technology throughout North Dakota schools. He retired in 2004. Joe married Irish Igoe Linden in 1988. They enjoyed traveling, working on home projects, built a cabin on Lake Sakakawea, and recently bought a home in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Joe was a great family man and is greatly loved and admired by his Grandchildren, Alexandra, Joseph, Jake and Josh Pikarski of Bismarck, and Kase Linden, Erie, Colorado. He is survived by his Wife, Irish, Children Anni Linden, Bismarck, and Michael Linden, Erie, Colorado. Brother Stanley Linnertz Nancy, Berthod, Co., Brother David Nora Linnertz, Battlement Mesa, Co. and Sister Glenda Bruce Lovdahl, Tioga, ND, as well as many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be given to the Bismarck Lions Club, PO Box 2262, Bismarck, ND, 58502.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Stan, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of your brother, Joe. Donna Gjerde Stevick, MHS Class of 1954.*

Donna Stevick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *My condolences on Joe's death. I knew him as a Board Member at Prairie Public, a job at which he was creative, responsible and caring, as I'm sure he was in other parts of his life.*

Bill Thomas - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Irish, Glenna and family, Our family is so sorry to learn of your loss. Joe was great to work with at DPI. Please know we are thinking of you. Karen HemstadEhrens*

Karen K. Ehrens - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our condolences go out to the family of Mr. Joseph Linnertz. As always Mr. Linnertz -- Once a Mu Sig, always a Mu Sig.*

Mu Sigma Tau Fraternity - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ *My brother, my friend, my encourager, my mentor, you will be in my thoughts every day. My guardian angel you will be. Thank you Jofes!*

Sistertutarie - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Irish, I was saddened to hear of Joe's death. I enjoyed having him as my supervisor while I worked at the Department of Public Instruction. He always had time to listen to me and understood how things fit into a big picture. You and Joe are both in my prayers.

Gaylynn Becker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Irish, Garry and I send our sincere sympathy. I admired Joe for his kind ways and quick wit. May memories of the happy times and wonderful years you had together help you at this difficult time. We have lost a wonderful fellow Lions member.

Loris Freier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My heart is with my family be strong. Joe you will be dearly missed!

Shannon Bender - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Irish, I was sorry to hear about the death of your husband. My sympathies to you and your family. Gene

Gene Swenson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Irish , and family's You have the best of memories to share amongst you . Joe had such away with his family and friends that it's a rare and great gift to have had such a husband, brother , father grandparent , and brother' n law. He will be missed a lot by those his heart touched. We will miss you!

Joe and Susan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WE

“ Joe was a good friend. We met at Minot State and became better acquainted through our mutual friend, Mike Zainhofsky. Although all three of us were rarely together, whenever two would meet, we would ask about the "missing" man. Just the weekend before last, I met Joe at Menards in the checkout line. After we had exchanged reassurances about our health to each other, as was customary, I asked Joe if he'd seen Mike lately. Joe said that Mike had painted his house recently... adding, with his characteristic smile; "Can you imagine that?" Joe was a good man and a good friend. And even though we didn't keep up to date with our fellowship, I will miss him... and his reassuring smile. God bless his family and his many other friends.

Warren Enyart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Joe was my co-worker and boss during employment at the Office of Economic Opportunity. I learned so much from him and was able to use his teachings later in my career. My sympathy to his family and blessings and prayers to you all.

Elaine McLaughlin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I was shocked and deeply sadden to hear about Joe's death. I got to know him at Minot State College when we were both members of Mu Sigma Tau Fraternity. He was the president at the time. We have kept in touch over the years. Joe was one outstanding and unforgettable person. He will be greatly missed. My condolences go out to his family.

Dennis Janke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Our heart are sad but memories great. We now have a new angel watching over us.

Heather Hart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear Glenda, David and Stanley, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and feel blessed to have been a part of your family. I pray that as you gather today, all the wonderful memories you have of Joe will give you peace, with God's help and unending love. Love, Gloria

Gloria Hauge - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ What a priviledge to have grown up with you and to have been able to keep touch with you here in Bismarck. Devon and I both remember the time we met at the Little Cottage one morning and our conversation. Like Margaret and Bill, you were "good people" and we will miss you but what God has in store for you will surpass anything you did here while with us...and that was considerable. God Bless you for a wonderful life.

David Waldron - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My prayers and condolences to the family. May the good times be remembered for a long time to come. Know he will be missed by all.

Marilynn Reimann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Irish, My sincere sympathies are with you. Joe was a wonderful person and an outstanding leader. I cherish the the memories of working for him. His smile and sense of humor were contagious and I am grateful to have known and worked with him.

Maggie Anderson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ A gentleman and a gentle man, my heart is heavy for Irish for her loss of such a wonderful friend and husband, our families and friends share her grief.

Jeanette Igoe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry for this terrible loss. Thank you for your advice.

Sean Banks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Irish - so sorry to hear the news about Joe - I regret I only recently met him but what a wonderful man and you complimented each other. Prayers and love are with you my dear friend Best love

Linda Hawley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ To Joe's Family, I was shocked to see that Joe has passed on, my thoughts & prayers are with all of you. I worked with Joe at the North Dakota State Library. What a great person he was. Marie A. Vogel

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RH

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Rick Hermes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

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TB

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terry bettis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Irish How sad we were when we read of Joe's passing. We feel a strong kinship with both of you because of our 'shared' property. We send warm wishes of healing to you and your family. May the beauty of nature that you nurtured on England Street go with him and the memories of those years help sustain you as you travel the journey of grief. Sincerely, Chuck & Gwen McCay

Charles & Gwen McCay - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss, our prayers are that God will help yall thru this difficult time and let His love surround you!

Aggie & Charlie Kline - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ sorry for your loss im josephine dillons son martin

marty dillon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Irish and Family, Dewey and I send our deepest sympathy for the sudden loss of Joe. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen and Dewey Kautzmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Irish and Family: Agnes and I express our deepest sympathy to you and yours over the loss of Joe. He was a fine man---always respectful and supportive. He was a great joy to work with and a dear friend. He will be missed.

Ron and Agnes Stastney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Dear Irish and family, I always appreciated Joe's kind and gentle spirit. We recently had a nice conversation over a bowl of his famous chili ! Peace be with you all. Ginger

Ginger Rondeau - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Irish and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss that came so sudden. Please know that I hold you in my prayers. May God comfort you. Love, Cousin Patsy

Sister Patricia Dillon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Irish and Family, Sorry for your loss. Joe and I started working in state government during the same year so drank a few cups of coffee with both of you. He was a great guy and always so positive. We'll keep you and Joe in our prayers.

Marion/Allen Koss - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I will never forget when we lived in West Virginia and I was far away from family. Joe appeared on our doorstep. I was never so happy to see anyone as I was him. It was a total surprise and what a blessing. We had a wonderful visit and I felt so blessed that he took the time to stop and see us.

Betty Foster - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Sandy Linnertz Karna - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Joe was a class act and will be sincerely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Irish, as well as the rest of the family during these difficult times. Bon voyage and rest well, friend Joe.

Bill & Marian Rosenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Dear Irish, I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. I know your many wonderful memories will help you during this time and my prayers are with you and yours.

Gere Stetson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM