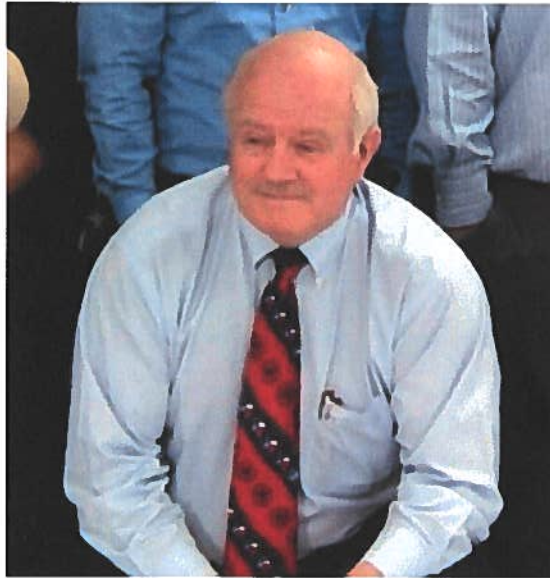


~ In Loving Memory of ~

Lynn E. Dunning

February 05, 1947 – September 24, 2019



INTERMENT

Friday, November 1, 2019
1:00 p.m.
DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Irving, TX 75038

CELEBRATION of LIFE

Friday, November 1, 2019
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Marriott Courtyard Flower Mound
4330 Courtyard Way
Flower Mound, TX 75028
214-626-2000

Upon arrival at the DFW National Cemetery, proceed to the information booth for instructions that will direct you to the appropriate traffic lane to access for the Dunning funeral procession (an update will follow 3 days prior to the date of the service that will advise you of the lane assignment). A map of the cemetery is attached for your reference, as there is only 1 way in/out of the cemetery.

A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 3pm at the Marriott Courtyard Flower Mound.

Flowers can be delivered to Marriott Courtyard Flower Mound on the day of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to UT Southwestern Medical Center, P.O. Box 910888, Dallas, TX 75391-0888, or online at www.utsouthwestern.edu/donatenow to support Dr. Larry Anderson and the Multiple Myeloma program.

LYNN DUNNING OBIT

Linden Eugene Dunning passed away on September 24th, 2019, surrounded by his family. His courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma ended after receiving two stem cell procedures and almost seven long years of struggle, of which he faced with the upmost bravery.

A salutatorian graduate from Arickaree High School in Arickaree, CO, 1965, he enlisted in the United States Army on September 20, 1968, where he served until August 19, 1970. He dutifully and heroically served our country in Vietnam, a service that was too often under-appreciated, and for which he, like too many veterans of his time, paid a heavy price. However, he carried on and built a career that was always founded with hard work and grit. After returning home, he went on to graduate from Colorado State University on May 14, 1976 with a degree in Business Administration. Later, he completed a master's degree from Webster University on December 21, 1985 in Business Administration and Management. His lifelong commitment to education continued to serve him in Labor Relations and Lean Manufacturing.

Considered one of his biggest accomplishments, he began an extensive career in Hospital Support Management. Most recently, Lynn served as President of North Texas Health Care Laundry (NTHCL). The task of taking on a single premise laundry at Baylor University Medical Center and creating a cooperative laundry to serve three-dozen North Texas hospitals was Lynn's strategic vision and his mission. He welcomed the challenge and, never daunted, designed, built and commissioned a central DFW facility to serve the bulk of the region's nonprofit hospitals. Throughout the process, from site selection to transportation logistics, even to the inclusion of a technical library, Lynn's hand can be seen throughout the facility. Even the artisan sculpture of the company's logo in the front lobby was part of that vision. His limitless tenacity resulted in a state-of-the-art facility that produces over forty million pounds of linen annually. He also had an immense presence, and was a great force in the linen and laundry industries. His wealth of knowledge, experience and progressive thinking was of great benefit to all facets of the business. During his tenure at NTHCL, Lynn hosted multiple local chapter meetings, educational training classes, and certification classes for the national chapter. He successfully spearheaded an effective linen utilization management program for his hospital members that resulted in improved linen consumption, and processes that produced substantial savings for the laundry, as well as member hospitals.

Lynn's spent his career building and managing businesses that provide services in a B2B environment. He was especially effective in differentiating and building value in services that some might call "commodities," which made his organizations stand out from the rest. As an innovator, he developed and launched profitable new products and services, and started new facilities that rapidly captured market share. Wherever he was, he maximized productivity of personnel and equipment without compromising quality or customer satisfaction. Lynn was a strong leader and motivator. He was calm under pressure, instilled confidence and loyalty in his employees, employers, customers and colleagues. His employment also included Director Environmental Services, University Health Systems; Laundry Manager, JPS Health Network; Principal Consultant, Evergreen Consulting and Director, and Stream.

A founding member of the local chapter of ALM (Association for Linen Management), Lynn served in various capacities as a chapter officer throughout his tenure. As a result of his efforts, he recruited numerous new chapter members and was instrumental in the design of marketing material to promote membership. He received the highly coveted Heywood Weily Laundry Manager of the Year Award in 2007 at the local ALM chapter level and national level. At the national level, he was an active member of the ALM Educational Advisory Team, which supports topics and content for publications, conferences, seminars, webinars, and other such media.

Always a voracious reader, Lynn loved reading about history and politics. He also loved racquetball, golfing, debating and acting as an adjunct political science professor in social circles. Finally, he treasured his 36-year relationship with his River Rat buddies - all of whom formed a loving, loyal and ageless bond.

One of the best things about Lynn was his ability to tell a story. His sense of humor and wit often colored his tales, and that, perhaps, was one of the best ways to know him. We've all shared countless stories about him and his life. But the common thread was always love for his family and friends, a brilliance, and an endless curiosity that inspired those around him.

Lynn married the love of his life, Edna Morales on June 22, 1991 in Austin, Texas; they were married for 28 years filled with travel throughout the US, Canada, and Europe. Most recently, they realized their lifelong dream with a European river cruise.

Lynn is survived by his wife Edna, sister Phyllis Atchley, brothers Dale (Dena) and Gary (Wendy). His loving family: Michelle Hays (Bob), Kim Piper - Aiken, Jay Piper (Pam), three children and one grandchild. His eldest child, Aecian Pendleton (Ryan) exemplifies all that was brilliant and compassionate about Lynn. Melissa and Rueben will always rely not only on his wisdom as a mentor and father, but his dedication to his three children and granddaughter, Azelyn, all of whom he was extremely proud. He is preceded in death by his parents Norma Jean and Edward Finley Dunning, brother Alan Dunning (Keri) and loving parents, Janice and James Piper.

Finally, we can all take solace in the fact that Lynn is now at peace. While he may have had a complicated life, he would want the world to remember him as a soldier who took an oath to serve, honor and protect our nation. He considered all soldiers who came before and after him his brothers in arms, and always considered education the most powerful means in making our world a better place. He would consider that his greatest legacy. But his character led him down that path and into our lives, and we remember all that was great about him today. That is his greatest legacy.