



Lowell Cozzens

November 18, 1921 - June 2, 2012

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 am, Saturday, June 9th, at Traylor Gym in Capitan for Lowell C. (L. C.) Cozzens, who passed away on June 2, 2012 in Roswell, New Mexico.

L. C., age 90, was born November 18, 1921 in Tulia, Texas to Seymour “Primo” Cozzens and Sallie Goode Cozzens. The family moved to the Nogal Mesa area in New Mexico in 1924. He attended public school in Capitan where he was a stellar athlete in all sports. He attended the University of New Mexico on a basketball scholarship where he lettered and was named to the All Border Conference basketball team in 1947. In 1943, while at UNM, Cozzens joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He returned to UNM and graduated in 1947 with a degree in education. He later obtained a Master of Arts Degree, also from UNM.

Following graduation L. C. taught social studies and physical education and also coached basketball and football in the Lovington School District for 10 years. He was a coach of the 1951 State Champion football team. Also in 1951 he was recalled to active duty in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He married Mary Lou Cooper in December 1952 in Lovington, New Mexico.

In 1959 the Cozzens family moved to Dora where L. C. was superintendent for six years. During this time he passed his first bond issue and rebuilt the Dora Schools.

In 1965 Cozzens was named the Portales Municipal Schools business manager, and in 1968 became the Portales Superintendent serving 17 years before retiring in 1985. While in Portales he passed bonds to renovate every school in the district.

Cozzens returned to education in 1987 when he was the interim Superintendent of the Capitan Schools for six months.

L. C. was a founding member of the New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2009. He was a member of the Capitan Methodist Church.

Most recently L. C. was honored by the naming of the Portales Schools Administrative Office "The L. C. Cozzens Administrative Offices" on May 25th. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Lou (Cooper) Cozzens, daughter of the late Hampton Joseph Cooper and the late Jessie (Foreman) of Silver City, New Mexico.

L. C. is also survived by four children, Gary and his wife Shirley Crawford of Capitan; Glenda Sears and her husband Jeff of Flower Mound, Texas; Gail Scott and her husband Dickie of Olney, Texas; and, Grace Moore and her husband Mike of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; two sisters, Cornelia Grannis of Monrovia, California and Marilyn Cozzens of Roswell, New Mexico; and, two brothers, Doyle of Roswell, New Mexico and Ken and his wife Pauline of San Marcos, California; one brother-in-law, Jack Cooper and wife Margaret of Wilton, Connecticut; one sister-in-law, Billie Cooper; seven grandchildren, Kristi Crawford of Roswell, New Mexico, Sydnee Scott of Stephenville, Texas, Lauren Moore of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Jack Sears of Lubbock, Texas, James Sears of Flower Mound, Texas, Shawn Moore of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and Kodee Scott of Olney, Texas; and, one great grandchild, Ridley Crawford-Rains of Roswell, New Mexico.

L. C. was preceded in death by five siblings, Wayne of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Eileen Parsons of Roswell, New Mexico; Franklin of Capitan, New Mexico; a baby brother of Capitan, New Mexico; and, Jane of Roswell, New Mexico.

L. C. was also preceded in death by brothers-in-law Walter Grannis, Bob Parsons, Hampton Cooper and George Cooper and sister-in-laws Jean Cozzens and Jo Cooper.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories in the online register book at andersonbethany.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lowell Cozzens*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss.... he was our superintendent in Portales and did a great job.... He was also my finance instructor at ENMU and I was very challenged in his class.... God bless all of you... Sincerely Felix and Monica and family... David and Carla and thir families.....*

Felix /Monica Herrera - June 25, 2012 at 04:20 PM



“ *We are saddened at L.C.'s passing. He had a full life and served Portales Schools well. Our prayers are with you.*

Larry & Cindi Fuqua - June 14, 2012 at 11:57 AM



“ *Dear Family Members, I was a young superintendent, just learning the role, while L.C. was supt. in Portales. I considered him one of my mentors. I served in East Las Vegas, Silver City and Roswell during that period of time. I always appreciated his wisdom and candor. He was a real tribute to our profession and will be missed.*

Fred Pomeroy - June 09, 2012 at 09:27 AM

EH

“ Thank you the opportunity to reconnect with Coach Cozzens for the short time you were in Rio Rancho. Coach was my mentor, instructor, booster and guidance counselor as well as football coach from 7th through graduation at Lovington High School. He was never content with what you were but saw what you might become. My condolences to Mary Lou and the family in the loss of this humble, caring individual.
Earl and Dottie Hester

Earl Hester - June 08, 2012 at 12:55 PM

TB

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences for your recent loss . L.C. was my high school basketball coach at Lovington. I know he will be missed by all. I also had the privilage of working with L.C.'s brother Wayne while with the Aluquerque Public Schools. Sincerely
Tom Black.

Tom Black - June 08, 2012 at 11:12 AM

MR

“ Gary...My condolences to you and the entire Cozzens Family. I remember meeting your Dad years ago when we were recruiting you into our beloved Marine Corps. No doubt we didn't need to convince you about joining because your Dad had obviously done that already. Once a Marine, Always a Marine! Semper Fi and may your Dad rest in peace forever.

MSgt H. Mike Martinez USMC Retired - June 08, 2012 at 10:14 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Blessings, Dene & Family

Dene Van Winkle - June 07, 2012 at 11:37 PM

JH

“ Gary - *Your father was quite the man. I am so sorry for your loss...*

Joe Hohmeier - June 05, 2012 at 09:43 PM