



## Lloyd Keene

July 31, 1937 - July 3, 2010

Lloyd O. Keene Jr. (72) of Toppenish passed away on Saturday July 3, 2010 in Yakima. He was born in Prosser on July 31, 1937 to Lloyd O. and Gladys (Klingberg) Keene Sr. Lloyd was raised and educated in Prosser and attended Washington State College, Linfield College and then graduated from Central Washington State College in 1962. He also attended Linfield College and WSU. On August 6, 1966 he married Carmen Leech in Prosser. They moved to Toppenish in 1966 where Mr. Keene taught business at Toppenish High School for over 35 years. Lloyd loved the great outdoors whether it was golfing, fishing, gardening, traveling or spending time with his daughters and grandchildren. Lloyd will always be remembered for his big heart and dry wit. He was a member of Mt. Adams Country Club, Washington Education Association and did the bookkeeping for the Toppenish Mural Society.

Lloyd is survived by two daughters, Nichole (Chris) Baker of Bothell, and Tricia (Norman) Dillard of Cle Elum; four grandchildren, Morgan, Michael, Rowan and Bailey; three nieces, Heather, Michelle, and Erin, and generations of students. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carmen, on February 8, 2010, his parents and one brother. A memorial gathering will be held from 4-7PM at Mt. Adams Country Club south of Toppenish on Saturday July 17, 2010. Friends can send condolences at [www.toppenishfunerals.com](http://www.toppenishfunerals.com). The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Toppenish Mural Society or Toppenish High School Faculty Scholarship 141 Ward Road,

Toppenish, WA 98948. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lloyd Keene*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *We send our condolences with many nice memories of your family.##imported-begin##Robert and Myra Faye Earl##imported-end##*

July 30, 2010 at 12:39 PM



“ *NIKKI, TRICIA AND FAMILIES,  
THE MEMORIES GO BACK FOR YEARS. FIRST A TYPING AND ACCOUNTING TEACHER(AND, BY THE WAY, I STILL LOOK AT THE KEYS) THEN, NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS IN THE "PINK APARTMENTS", THE BIRTHDAY PARTIES, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, TRACK MEETS ALL MEMORIES CHERISHED. THRU THE YEARS, WHEN I WOULD RUN INTO YOUR DAD HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY,"HOW YA DOING YOU OLE BAT"? MY REPLY, "JUST FINE YOU OLE BUZZARD". MY HEART ACHES FOR YOU GIRLS AND YOUR CHILDREN. I TOO LOST MY PARENTS WITHIN A FEW MONTHS OF EACHOTHER AND IT IS A GREAT PAIN TO BEAR. JUST FIND PEACE THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE TOGETHER, AND THAT'S WHERE THEY BELONG. PRAYERS AND LOVE TO YOU AND YOURS. GOODBYE YOU OLE BUZZARD!!!##imported-begin##JANE BERGHOFF##imported-end##*

July 13, 2010 at 09:45 PM



“ My heart dropped when I saw that your father had passed away and that you had also lost your mother so recently. They were both great people. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Tanya Gutierrez##imported-end##

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July 12, 2010 at 04:20 PM



“ To Lloyd's family: My prayers are with you during this tough time losing both of your parents this year. I grew up with Lloyd in Prosser and was one of his classmates. I am so sorry for your loss and all of ours too. Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Clore Dexter##imported-end##

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July 11, 2010 at 10:21 PM



“ Mr. Keene was a teacher. ....and wore that title as a badge of earned honor. Most had him for a business class...I had him for typing,.....to this day, one of the worst things and slowest things my fingers can do. I needed an A to go to college. I was poor and needed an A in every class and I was just naturally slow in the fingers...there was no way in hell I was getting an A in TYPING. So I came to Mr. Keene and said. ..."what would I have to do to earn an A in your class?".....with a wicked smile he said, "Not be Kevin Jackson."....I knew I was doomed, foiled by slow fingers.....of a required class....weeks passed and as it happened Mr. Keene was coaching... and I was president of the Associated Student Body. He needed a few thousand dollars for his clubs trip. He asked what do I have to do to get that money? What forms etc.? I said, "the only way to get that money is for me NOT to be Kevin Jackson in Typing class.".....He literally fell down laughing.....so began late night sessions with the ONLY SELECTRIX typewriter in class....he made me EARN the A....but he kept me after school and coached me to the level of perfection. He got his money and I got my A.....##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##

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July 11, 2010 at 08:03 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Keene's passing. He was my bookkeeping & accounting teacher back while I went to Top-Hi from 1969-1971. He was one of my favorite teachers. He was very patient and so kind and treated everyone fairly. He was one of the old-school teachers who really cared about his students. Its too bad that there aren't teachers like him today. He made a big impression on a lot of his students. I know he did on me. I will never forget him. My thoughts go out to his family at this time. You had very special parents who will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Dixie Ross##imported-end##

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July 11, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ *Mr. Keene was my track coach, typing, bookkeeping & CWP teacher at Top-Hi 1971-1975. The picture you have with that great smile of his is just how I remember him! He was one of my favorite teachers...so very 'approachable'. My heart goes out to Nickie and Tricia with the loss of both parents in such a short span of time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days to come.##imported-begin##Kathi Myron Hoon##imported-end##*

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July 08, 2010 at 07:14 PM