



LINDA RANKIN GIVENS (Class of 1958)

Linda Rankin Givens was born in Los Angeles, California. Her family moved to Las Vegas in 1954, and in 1958 she graduated from Las Vegas High School. She married Dr. Kenneth Givens in 1988, and they have two children.

Linda received her B.A. Degree in 1962, from Arizona State University and her Master of Science Degree in 1987, from Nova University. She began teaching for the Clark County School District in 1963 and retired in 1993.

The Linda Rankin Givens Elementary School in Las Vegas is named in her honor.

Linda took special interest in her students and their progress while maintaining a full teaching workload, caring for her family and attending school. Although retired, she continues to serve the cause of education as Supervisor of Practicum Students majoring in education at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

She takes her concern for children beyond the classroom. She also worked as a staff member for the successful political campaigns of former U.S. Congressman James Santini and U.S. Senator Richard Bryan.

She has been a leader in charitable work as a 30-year member of the Las Vegas Junior League where she served as Sustainer President in 1994-95. As a member of the Junior League of Las Vegas, she has worked on such diverse projects as Children's Art in the Airport, Legislative Advocacy for Children's Issues. The two professional organizations she belongs to are Christmas Bears and the School Bell Committee, which provide clothing, educational supplies, and toys for needy Clark County School District children.

Linda Givens is an inspiration to all who have been taught by her or worked with her. She has left a legacy of unending energy and dedication to a lifetime of education.

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