

Wayne Harold Flanigan, a long-time Fontana Unified School District teacher, administrator and athletic director, passed away of natural causes at St. Mary's Hospital in Hesperia on December 22, 2014.

Flanigan is survived by his wife Dorothy and daughters Cheryl (Lance) of Helendale, Judy (Raoul) of Las Vegas and Kathy (Craig) of Upland. He also leaves behind 13 grandchildren and will join his daughter Gail and one grandchild in heaven.

Wayne came to Fontana in the late 1940s and started his tenure at Fontana Junior High. He later advanced to student counselor at Sequoia Junior High and again on to the District Office as assistant superintendent of schools. Flanigan had been married to his wife since the mid-1960s and she herself was an administrative employee for the Unified Schools. His final assignment was athletic director for some of our favorite coaches, such as Tom Hogan, Dick Bruich, Terry O'Keefe and many others worthy of praise. Flanigan then retired and moved to the High Desert to enjoy a quieter life.

He loved his family, boating in the Colorado River and following football. Wayne's heritage was Irish by nature and loved spending time with people with great humor and clever stories.

Funeral services will be held at Dickey Mortuary, Fontana, on Friday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. The family will host a lunch in the mortuary patio immediately after the service. Dorothy Flanigan invites those who knew Wayne to come spend an afternoon with her and the family and share stories at the memorial service.