

# Ed (Chubby) Linta



**Freedom Area Class of 1951**

*"Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it."* -Lou Holtz

Ed (Chubby) Linta has had an outstanding career in athletics and in higher education administration. Born in Freedom in 1932, Ed graduated from Freedom High School in 1951 where he played on Freedom's 1950 undefeated football team and was selected to play in the Beaver County All-Star Game.

Ed was recruited by Kansas State University and was offered a football scholarship to play tight end/defensive end. He was a starter/letter winner for four years from 1951-55 and was an All-Big 7 selection. After graduation from KSU, he joined the United States Army from 1955-57 and achieved the rank of sergeant. Ed played service football on Fort Jackson's undefeated team and was selected All-Army end.

His coaching career included a one-year stint as freshman football coach at Kansas State University in 1957 followed by a head coaching position at Petersburg (VA) High School the following year. The University of Arizona hired him as an assistant football coach from 1958-62 followed by a year of coaching at the University of Wyoming. His head coaching career began in 1964 at Eastern Arizona College for one year and Washburn University from 1964-67. Following his retirement from coaching, Ed was a regional scout for Hank Stramm and the Kansas City Chiefs from 1967-75.

In 1967 Ed made a career change to higher education administration, and for 29 years served in various positions including Director of the Counseling Center at Washburn University, Dean of Students at Eastern Michigan University and Vice-president of Student Affairs at Ferris State University. After his retirement from Ferris State in 1989, the university honored Ed by naming him professor emeritus. Pima Community College in Tucson (AZ) recognized Ed's valuable experience in higher education and

asked him to commit to five years at the college where he served as Chancellor, a position he held from 1990-95.

Ed has also served as a personal consultant to state and national organizations of higher education and was elected past president of the Michigan Colleges and Universities Personnel/Labor Relations Association and past chairman of the Chief Student Affairs Officers' Association of Michigan State Colleges and Universities. He is also the author of several publications on labor relations in higher relations in higher education and student services.

Many volunteer organizations have benefited from his expertise. Ed is an original member of the board of directors and past vice-president of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. He served on the board of directors of this organization for ten years and received the organization's President's Award. He is also a life member of the statewide Fiesta Bowl/Buffalo Wings Football Classic and served on the executive committee and as chairman of team selection committee and new member chairman. He was also recognized by the Fiesta Bowl/Buffalo Wings Football Classic Volunteer of the Year. For his distinguished career as a coach, educator and administrator and for outstanding service to athletics at the University of Arizona, Ed was recognized as an honorary letterman.

Ed has been married for 56 years to the former Jodee Baird of Minneapolis (MN), and they now reside in Tucson. They have two daughters, Cathy and Susan, and grandsons Jacob and Ryan.