



Wilma and Don Lantz

Don and Wilma (Stafford) Lantz were high school sweethearts, who attended Fort Hill High School in the late '30s. In 1941 they were married and started their family. Don was called away to defend our country during WWII and served in the 6th division (1945-46) in Korea.

They had four daughters who graduated from Fort Hill. When their daughter joined the band in 1962, they started volunteering in the concession stands. They continued working the stands long after their youngest daughter graduated in 1970.

In 1976, Wilma began selling tickets at the Fort Hill football games and Don volunteered to collect them. When other schools were playing, they would work the concession stands.

After football season was over, they worked the basketball games, wrestling matches, soccer games, and track meets. They continued working at Fort Hill for over twenty-five years.

In addition to working at Fort Hill, they volunteered at District 16 Volunteer Fire Department and at their church.

Due to failing health in 2011, Wilma had to be placed in Golden Living Center. Don and Wilma celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in August 2011, with Wilma passing away in February of 2012. After Wilma passed, Don began volunteering at the nursing home, which he did for over five years.

Don is no longer able to volunteer, but he is still seen around town wearing his Fort Hill jacket and cap ... a true Fort Hill fan.