



2025 Lindsay Orange Blossom Festival
Honored Couple
Jeff and Linda Munter

Jeff and Linda Munter are very pleased and honored to serve as the 2025 Orange Blossom Festival's honored couple. They enjoy the festivities each year and consider the festival to be a focal point of the year for the community.

Linda was born on November 21, 1946 in Modesto, California to Roy and Margaret Styles. She has one sister, Marjorie, who is 7 ½ years older. While attending Downey High School in Modesto, she enjoyed belonging to choir, glee club, and Nightingales singing groups, as well as the church choir at First Baptist Modesto. She also participated in school musicals. She graduated from Downey High School in 1964. She began studying nursing at Modesto Junior College, and eventually graduated from C.O.S. with her nursing degree in 1978, after having moved to Lindsay in 1972 with her husband and four sons, Paul, Bryan, Kevin, and Robbie. Four years later, she had twin daughters, Jenny and Shelly, to bring her family to six children. After receiving her nursing degree, she began a career as an R.N. at Tulare District Hospital, retiring in December of 2010 after 32 years.

Jeff was born on August 23, 1953 in Vallejo, California to Hal and Helen Munter. He joined his older brother Paul, and later welcomed younger brothers Steven, Tom, and Roger. The family moved to Lindsay in the summer of 1960, just before Jeff's seventh birthday, and he completed his public education in Lindsay, attending Lindsay schools from second grade through high school. Lindsay was also his mother's home town, as she was born and raised in Lindsay, graduating from Lindsay High School in 1941. Jeff's parents, Hal and Helen served as the Orange Blossom Festival's honored couple in 1994. Throughout his youth, Jeff was active in his church, First Presbyterian Church of Lindsay, as well as school activities. He was active in sports, playing football, basketball, and baseball, as well as a number of different school clubs and organizations. He graduated from Lindsay High School in 1971, and went on to complete his bachelor's degree at Fresno State in December of 1974. After staying at Fresno State for an additional year to complete his teaching credential, Jeff was hired as a fifth-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary in Lindsay in 1976. After ten years, he moved to Lindsay High School, and worked there for 27 years as a math teacher, guidance counselor, and assistant principal, retiring in 2013. He still works part time for Lindsay Unified School district, now in his 49th year as an LUSD employee. He also served as the City of Lindsay's Recreation Director for eight years, from 1978 to 1986.

In addition to his other duties, Jeff also spent many years coaching as well. He coached football, basketball, and baseball, first at the junior high and youth levels, then at the high school. He coached eighth grade and freshman basketball for six years, football at all levels from the senior youth team to the varsity, coaching a total of 22 teams. He was coached in four valley championship games, with the teams coming away with three valley championship trophies. He also coached baseball, coaching the 8th grade team for six years, the high school jv team for 12 years, and varsity for ten years. He also coached in four valley championship baseball games, again with the team coming away with three valley championships.

Linda and Jeff got to know each other through Linda's children, as Jeff was both a fifth-grade teacher and the city recreation director during the time that the boys were active in youth sports and were attending Jefferson School. Jeff became a family friend who would drop by their house often to spend time with the family. When Jeff entered the household full time, two of the children were in high

school and the other four were in elementary school. Jeff and Linda have now been married for 41 years. Today the family includes 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Linda and Jeff have been very involved in their church for the past four decades, First Baptist Church, and now, after a merger, Breakthrough Church. Both have served in the choir in the past, and Linda spent many years serving on the worship team. Jeff has served as treasurer for First Baptist and now Breakthrough for over 30 years, and also serves on the church board and tech team. Both Linda and Jeff have been in several musicals at the Lindsay Theater, appearing in such productions as Annie, Sound of Music, and a few others. Jeff has also served on the board, and as treasurer for two other charitable organizations in Lindsay, Lindsay Dollars for Scholars and Lindsay Educational Foundation for Learning. He gives his time to help at Lindsay High School football, basketball, and baseball games as well.

The couple has been blessed to be able to raise a family in Lindsay, and, in Jeff's case, be raised himself in Lindsay as well. Lindsay has been home to both of them for over 50 years. The Orange Blossom Festival festivities have always been an important part of the community and they attend the festivities each year. They are blessed and honored to be named this year's festival honored couple.