

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**GRIMMETT**—Joy Nadine Grimmitt, 79, passed away peacefully in her home March 24, 2021 with her husband Frank and son Brett by her side.

She was born Jan. 12, 1942, in Exeter, Calif., to Don and Wanda Freeman.

In 1959, she graduated from Exeter High School.

Joy and Frank began dating her senior year of high school and they said "I DO" on Dec. 31, 1960.

In May 1966, the two celebrated a baby on the way and, in January 1967, their son Brett was born in

Lindsay, Calif.

Joy studied nursing at the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif., graduating in 1972 with a nursing degree. Joy found her passion as a registered operating room nurse in Fresno, Calif., and continued when the family moved to San Jose, Calif.

Her devotion and dedication to her career spanned 26 years.

Joy took great pride in her gardens. From design to the choice of each plant and flower, she spent hours creating a masterpiece she would enjoy as each plant matured and each flower bloomed.

Her travels across the globe with Frank and friends provided unique experiences from busy Italian streets to the pyramids

in Egypt. Joy knew fashion, from classic designers to modern design; her eye would coordinate what she wore with perfection.

From church on Sunday, to shopping at the market or dinner and a performance, Joy always attended with glamor and style.

Joy absolutely loved life, a good meal, a good book and a good vacation. She was a devoted grandparent and great-grandparent, always sweet, funny and kind of feisty.

She brought a smile and sparkle into the lives of all who knew her. We will miss her forever.

**LEHMANN**—Helen N. Lehmann (1928-2021)

Helen was born on a farm in Minnesota. During her childhood, she helped her father with the farm by

slopping pigs, driving tractor and harvesting oats.

As a young woman, she met the love of her life, George Lehmann, who was also a farmer.

They married in 1950.

California — the land of opportunity — called, so they gave up farming, packed up the old Studebaker and headed west. There, in the town of Concord, she and George started a janitorial business and later bought a Western Auto hardware store.

Then they sold that and opened another Western Auto store in Willits, Ca-

lif. Business was good until the store burned down. After that, they bought the Skunk Train Depot at Willits and operated it for four years.

Finally, they bought the Pine Cone Motel and operated that until retirement, when they moved to Florence.

During those retirement years, they were able to travel across the country in a 36-foot fifth wheel towed by a noisy diesel truck with their grandson, Sean. They also enjoyed cruises and vacations in Hawaii, Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

Finally, they moved to Cottage Grove, Ore., to be close to family.

Helen raised four children: Doug, Tom, Clarice, and Mark.

Her passion was garden-

ing and her yards yielded a bounty of beautiful flowers. Her kitchen was filled with the warmth of good food, family love, and her children never tired of her cookies.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband, George; two of her children: Doug and Mark; and her grandson Sean.

She is survived by her daughter Clarice Wynkoop and husband Bill; her son Tom Lehmann and his wife Lucy; her sister Nell Layman and her husband Lou; her dear friend Karen Dershon; and her grandchildren: Larisa and Sylas.

A funeral service was held at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Saturday, April 3, 2021. Interment held at Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence, Ore.



**Joy Grimmitt**



**Helen Lehmann**

## Dunes City seeking applicants to fill planning commission seat

Dunes City is accepting applications for a Planning Commissioner.

Applicants must reside in Dunes City and complete an Application for Appointive Office available at Dunes City Hall or from the

City's website.

Applications may be mailed or delivered to Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce Street, Westlake, Ore., 97493, or email applications to [planning@dunes-city.or.us](mailto:planning@dunes-city.or.us).

This is a volunteer position with a term ending date Jan. 11, 2023. The city council may consider applications during its April 28 meeting.

To be considered, applications should be received

by Dunes City before 4 p.m. on April 15.

The Planning Commission considers land use applications and makes recommendations to the Dunes City Council. The Planning Commission also

has oversight of the City's Citizen Involvement Program.

This position offers an opportunity to learn about the city's Comprehensive Plan, citizen involvement and city code.

The Planning Commission meets at Dunes City Hall on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., and in Special Sessions as necessary.

## Next Florence City Council meeting to consider Benedick annexation request

On Monday April 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. the Florence City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting via videoconference.

During the meeting, the council will consider testimony and evidence regarding the Benedick Annexation & Zone Assignment Request (Ordinance No. 1 and 2, Series 2021).

The public hearing regarding this agenda item was opened at the February 1st City Council meeting and closed at the Feb. 22 City Council meeting. No additional public testimony will be heard (written or verbal) regarding this agenda item during the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, citizens will not be able to attend City meetings in person. Interested citizens may listen and view the meeting through the 'GoToWebinar' platform.

For access to a link to the meeting, visit the City of Florence website at [www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/city-council-meeting).

198. Meetings are also shown live on Cable Channel 191 and online at [www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/citymanager/public-meetings-live).

Those without access to the internet or Charter Cable may listen to the meeting live via phone conference line. To do so, contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

Those wishing to express their views to the City Council may do so in the following ways:

1.) **Written Testimony:** Written testimony can be submitted by:

- Email to the City Recorder at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us);

- Mail to Florence City Hall, Attn: City Council, 250 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439

- Drop Off at the City of Florence drop box located at Florence City Hall (250 Hwy 101) to the right of the main entrance.

*Note:* Written comments received at least 2 hours prior to the meeting (April 5 by 3:30 p.m.), that concern a public hearing or action

item on the agenda, or are designated as comments to be provided for the meeting, will be distributed to the City Council, posted to the City of Florence website, and made part of the record.

2.) **Verbal Testimony:** Citizens may provide verbal comments at the meeting via the Go-toWebinar platform. To do so, complete a speaker's card at least 1 hour prior to the start of the meeting (April 5, by 4:30 p.m.). Speakers' cards are available online at [www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card](http://www.ci.florence.or.us/council/request-address-city-council-speakers-card) or by contacting City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

Once a speaker's card is received, City staff will then contact the speaker to let

them know the process to participate in the meeting, so include contact information on the speaker's card.

*NOTE:* regarding Benedick Annexation Agenda Item: The Benedick Annexation & Zone Assignment (Ordinances No. 1 & 2, Series 2021) public hearing was closed on Feb. 22. The City Council is no longer taking

testimony (written or verbal) regarding this agenda item.

In order to avoid ex-officio contacts, any comments related to this agenda item will not be forwarded to the

City Council.

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