

On The Record

OBITUARIES

NAVETTA—Suzanne Marie Navetta passed away peacefully Oct. 3, 2020 at the age of 84.

Susie was born Oct. 27, 1935 to Wallace and Ila Sowins in Los Angeles, Calif.



Suzanne Navetta

She grew up in southern California where she met her husband, André (Andy) Navetta.

Together, they raised six children and built their family business, Nucon Industries.

After returning to school, Susie became professional kitchen designer for Sears.

Andy passed away in October of 1985 and in the following years Susie sought to live closer to her family in Oregon. She visited Woahink Lake for the first time in the early 90s.

Captivated by its beauty, she said, "Let's live here."

Once settled in her lakeside home, Susie was passionate to serve her community. She became a vocal advocate to protect the lake watershed and ecosystem.

Susie was an original founder of the Woahink Lake Association, where she sat as President for two consecutive terms until 2012, earning her title as "Lady of the Lake."

Susie was elected as a City Council Member for Dunes City for two separate terms, serving a total of eight years. Volunteerism was at the heart of Susie's core.

She was engaged in many organizations and projects which included, Florence Garden Club, Peace Harbor Hospital Auxiliary, Planning Commission, Site Review Committee, Tree Ordinance Committee, Water Systems Committee, Communication Committee, Taskforce for Identifying

Wetlands, and founded Festival of the Lakes.

In 2010, she drafted the first septic ordinance passed in the state of Oregon.

Susie had a green thumb and loved to travel. She was a lifelong patron of the arts with a fondness for dance and musical theater. Susie had a deeply generous heart. She was a lifetime learner and enjoyed teaching children to be critical thinkers.

Susie was a proud American patriot. She held fast to her beliefs and her character exemplified integrity, generosity, and courage.

Susie was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Ila Sowins; brothers: Richard Sowins, Alexis Sowins and her beloved brother David Sowins; husband, Andy Navetta; son, Frank Navetta, and her partner, Ralph Farnsworth.

Susie is survived by her brother, Robert Sowins; her children, Marie Navetta,

Mike Navetta, Joe Navetta, Annie Navetta and Barbie Navetta Madden; her 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services have not yet been held. Announcement of services will be made at a later date.

RUEDA—JaNel Wakeen LaVerne Ruede passed away May 10, 2021, at the age of 47.

She was beautiful, funny, loyal and confident with a devilish smile and mischievous sense of humor.

Her devotion and love for her friends and family will be forever missed.

Janel was born Aug. 17, 1973 in Florence, Ore., to Bud and Pam Wilkins. Her childhood was filled with

fun and adventure that she shared with her four younger siblings.

Being the oldest of five, she felt a responsibility to make sure her siblings knew she was the one in charge and until the end this never changed. She was the boss and everyone knew it whether anyone wanted to admit it or not.

Janel graduated from Siuslaw High School in 1991 and went to beauty school shortly after. She enjoyed being a hairstylist until she was forced to retire in 2003.

On Dec. 14, 1996, Janel married the love of her life, Erick Ruede, and had a beautiful daughter, Andraison Leigh Ruede; she loved both unconditionally and selflessly devoted her life to them.

Janel was brave, fearless and bold with a well-known, quick temper, unique laugh and a big bright teasing smile that would light up your day.

Janel was diagnosed with MJD in 1997 and, despite the terrifying prognosis, she faced the disease with unparalleled strength and bravery.

Her strength, determination and her love for Erick kept her right next to his side. Erick's love and devotion for JaNel made them inseparable until the very end.

In her last days, she was at home surrounded by the love of her family, Erick and Andraison, her brothers Kiha and Judiah Wilkins, her sisters Chienne Wilson and Teola Hinds and their families, and her two besties, Ricki Riggs Roemen and Kay Chapman Cooper — which, as in most things, is exactly how she wanted it!

She will be forever missed and her memories never forgotten

Burns' Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



JaNel Ruede

Oregon adjusts guidelines for mask-wearing indoors, outdoors

SALEM — the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has released updated guidance about mask and physical distancing requirements for individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Under the updated guidance, people who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to wear a mask in-doors, in most public settings where vaccination status is checked.

In public settings where vaccination status is not checked, masks will still be required.

Finally, businesses and venue operators remain free to establish their own, more restrictive policies regarding mask usage.

In addition to exempting people who are fully vaccinated from mask requirements in most indoor settings, OHA health experts announced that mask requirements no longer apply to anyone who is outdoors.

However, OHA recommends that individuals continue to wear a mask or face covering in crowded areas and large gatherings (such as sporting events), and to maintain physical distance as much as possible. OHA urges unvaccinated individuals and those at risk for complications to wear masks in these settings.

The new guidance comes after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

vention (CDC) last week announced that individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 could stop wearing masks and stop physical distancing in most public spaces.

Oregon's Governor Kate Brown pointed to the CDC announcement as "another sign that as more people become fully vaccinated, the closer we are to ending this pandemic."

OHA Director Patrick Allen said, "Masks continue to save lives and protect people who are not vaccinated. However, last week's announcement from the CDC emphasizes the point that safe and effective vaccines are the very best way to protect people from getting and spreading COVID." He added, "That's why it's safer for life to look more like normal for people who are fully vaccinated. And why people who

haven't had a chance to get vaccinated should do so as soon as they can."

The new Oregon guidance says:

- Individuals in Oregon are no longer required to wear a face mask or physically distance, whether indoors or outdoors, two weeks after their final COVID-19 vaccination dose. A "fully vaccinated individual" is a person who has received both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine or one dose of a single-dose vaccine and at least 14 days have passed since the individual's final dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- However, fully vaccinated individuals are required to continue wearing a mask and observe physical distancing on public transportation and in schools, hospitals and clinics, homeless shelters,

youth and adult correctional facilities and long-term care facilities.

- Businesses, employers and faith institutions can choose to no longer require masks and physical distancing for fully vaccinated individuals or continue to require masks and physical distancing in their locations for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.
- If a business, employer or faith institution chooses to no longer require masks


and physical distancing, the business, employer or faith institution must require visitors to show proof of vaccination and review the proof of vaccination. In that case, a business would need to have a policy for checking the vaccination status of customers and employees if they are not wearing masks.

Fully vaccinated individuals would need to provide proof they'd been vaccinated if they want to remove face coverings and not ob-

serve physical distancing guidelines.

In addition, state health experts announced that face coverings are no longer required outdoors (regardless of vaccination status).

OHA strongly recommends that people who are not vaccinated and people who are at high risk of severe COVID-19 disease continue to wear face coverings and physically distance in outdoor crowded areas and large gatherings.



NAMI Lane County
National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMIWalks Lane County 2021 is coming May 22nd and this year we are celebrating virtually!

NAMIWalks will be a little different — while making a *lot* of difference. It is going to be "your way," and we will prove our resilience by stretching our limits anew and making the event our own.

The mission of NAMI Lane County is to improve the quality of life for individuals living with mental health conditions and their friends, families, loved ones, and caregivers through support, education, and advocacy.

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