

Judith A. Krebs

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Community leader and longtime Brookings booster Judith A. “Judi” Krebs passed away May 24, 2023, after a recent illness. She was 82. She will be remembered by family and friends as a tireless volunteer who enriched the lives of many and encouraged others to do the same with her signature phrase: “It’s YOUR community, get involved!”

Judi was born in Oklahoma City to Norman and Roma Walkup and went to school in the San Francisco Bay Area. She retired from Nevada Bell in Reno, NV, and moved to Brookings in the early 1980s. She was preceded in death by Robert E. “Bob” Krebs, her husband of 25 years who passed away in September 2008. The two were instrumental in establishing the Chetco Senior Center, now called the Chetco Activity Center.

Judi was a former chair of the Curry County Planning Commission and a member of the City of Brookings Planning Commission. She also served on the Sutter Coast Hospital board of directors. For more than a dozen years, she was “Mrs. Claus” during the annual Natures Coastal Holiday Festival of Lights in Azalea Park. She also volunteered with and supported the Civil Air Patrol, Safety City, the American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, and scholarships for deserving high school students.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathy Krebs Haq of Santa Fe, NM; grandson Rob Krebs and wife, Kylie, of Brookings; their son, R.E., Judi's beloved great-grandson; and stepdaughter Debbie Vilotti of Escalon, CA. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you do something special for your community.