



## Laurel A Freed

July 29, 1940 - October 17, 2018

Laurel passed away peacefully on October 17, 2018, in Portland, Oregon. Born in Los Angeles, California, to parents Grant and Virginia Flemming, she was raised in Burbank and Woodland Hills and graduated from Canoga Park High School. Always wanting to be a nurse, Laurel pursued this major at the Bishop College of Nursing and Hospital of the Good Samaritan in Los Angeles, a 500-bed teaching hospital where she was born. In 1961 she completed her work in nursing, then finished her Bachelor of Science in 1964, as well as her Masters of Science in 1971, all the while working for 10 years in various nursing fields. In 1963 she married Don Freed, later adding to their family with a son, Eric, six years later. For the next period of time, 1972 to 1999, Laurel was Professor of Nursing at Sonoma State University, where she taught an array of classes in the nursing curriculum and was highly respected by her students. When it came time to retire, Laurel and Don found their perfect haven in Newport, Oregon, and purchased a home thereafter in 2000. Laurel continued to serve on numerous boards in Newport, and as a lover of jazz, she became a supporter of the Newport Performing Arts Center. She is lovingly survived by her son Eric, daughter-in-law Meredith, granddaughters Ella and Emery, and sisters Gail Holway and Amy Fessler. A Celebration of Laurel's Life will be planned for the Spring of 2019 in Newport, Oregon. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, are preferred to the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation, Laurel Flemming Freed Nursing Scholarship Fund, 332 SW Coast Highway, Newport, OR 97365 or to the Oregon Coast

Council for the Arts, 777 W. Olive Street, PO Box 1315, Newport, OR 97366.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I love you so much Laurel. I see your smiling face and truly you will never be gone. Sincerely, Elizabeth Ann Cable*

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**Elizabeth Cable** - January 26, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Laurie Edwards lit a candle in memory of Laurel A Freed*



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**Laurie Edwards** - October 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM