



## Lynnelle J. Grumbles

August 1, 1959 - December 22, 2024

Dr. Lynnelle Joanne Grumbles, age 65, of Kingsburg, CA passed away peacefully on December 22, 2024 with her family by her side.

Lynnelle was born on August 1, 1959 to proud parents Reuben and Marian Dahlgren in Kingsburg, CA. Growing up, Lynnelle was heavily involved in the local 4-H and many other organizations throughout the community. She was a woman of deep faith and was a lifetime member of the Kingsburg Covenant Church where she attended services, bible studies, taught Sunday school and even ran the children's choir for a short time. She was excited that the organ had recently been restored and had been hoping to get her hands on it. Lynnelle attended the local elementary schools and graduated from Kingsburg High School in 1977. After high school, Lynnelle attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and Food Administration in 1981.

Lynnelle met her husband, Randy, at a 4th of July BBQ in 1980. They were married on May 22, 1982, at the Kingsburg Covenant Church. During their 42 years of marriage, they owned several NAPA Auto parts stores, traveled all over the country, and enjoyed spending time with their families. In May 1986, they welcomed their first daughter, Amanda, and Lauren followed in July 1989. Family was everything to Lynnelle and you could be sure that she was only a phone call or quick car ride away for anyone, day or night. She was the

holder of many coveted family recipes, the family seamstress and self-proclaimed chaos coordinator for every holiday and vacation.

In December 2013, Lynnelle welcomed their first grandson, Wyatt, and shortly after, their first granddaughter, Ava, in April 2014. A few years later, in June 2017 came Adrian to complete the family. Lynnelle spent much of her free time with her three grandchildren. She hosted sleepovers, traveled for sports events, baked cookies, and created fairy gardens, just to name a few of their hobbies together.

In her professional life as a Registered Dietitian, she spent over 35 years specializing in Child Nutrition. She worked at Valley Care & Guidance Center, Kaweah Delta District Hospital, Cutler-Orosi Unified School District, Kingsburg Elementary School District, Visalia Unified School District, and finished her career at Santa Clarita Valley School Food Service Agency, retiring in December 2019. Throughout her career, she taught many classes and worked with dietetic interns through Porterville Developmental Center, Fresno City College, and California State University, Fresno. She also sat on multiple boards, was a member of numerous associations, and still managed to carve out time to earn her Master's Degree and Doctorate. She finished her final round of school in May 2015, graduating with her Doctorate of Philosophy in Food Service and Hospitality Management from Iowa State University.

Lynnelle is preceded in death by her father and mother, Reuben & Marian Dahlgren and father-in-law, Jimmie Grumbles. She is survived by her husband, Randy Grumbles; daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Hector Juarez, and their children, Ava and Adrian; daughter and son-in-law, Lauren and Matt Goossen, and their son, Wyatt; sister Diane Dahlgren-Herbst; mother-in-law, Janice Grumbles; sister-in-law Dawn Grumbles and numerous friends and extended family.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, January 14th, at the Kingsburg Covenant Church at 1:00pm.

The family would love to hear your personal memories of Lynnelle. To share them please email [MemoriesofLynnelle@gmail.com](mailto:MemoriesofLynnelle@gmail.com)

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to "Sonshine Learning Center" at the Kingsburg Covenant Church. Checks can be mailed to: 1490 Lincoln Street, Kingsburg, CA 93631.

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

Kingsburg Covenant Church  
1490 Lincoln St  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Loved you so much! Thank you for all you did for me! All you taught me! All the caring and helping! So many things that I could go on forever! Prayers for your family.* ”



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**Pam** - January 15, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss 🙏 Lynnelle was such a great person. I have to say that in my four years of working with her , Lynnelle was the best supervisor I ever had. Her warm smile and tender heart made her the special woman that she was. She was always so welcoming when we stepped into her office. She greeted us with her beautiful smile that I'll never forget. I learned a lot in the food industry through her teaching us and being patient with us. Any questions I had , she always answered them and made me feel appreciated. I'm really gonna miss Lynnelle. May she rest with the angels. 🙏😊* ”

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**Norma D.** - January 13, 2025 at 11:07 PM

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“Lynnelle was my boss at Visalia Unified, and she was truly a kind and remarkable woman. I'll never forget her support and encouragement. When I was working in summer school and had applied for a para professional position, she went out of her way to visit my site, congratulate me, and share how proud she was of my career transition from cafeteria worker to a full-time role in education. Her words meant so much to me, and today I am proud to be an Education Specialist because of leaders like her. My heartfelt condolences to her family and all who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

-Kim F.

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**Kim** - January 13, 2025 at 01:51 PM

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“ I was only an acquaintance with Lynelle, and yet our interactions were reflective of her kind and generous nature. We worked in the same child nutrition industry. We ended up in the same supportive text/email group during the pandemic. And of course, I knew of Lynelle as leading the purchasing cooperatives and working at Santa Clarita. I knew that many held her in high regards. I knew that she was honest and trustworthy. I knew that she was a strong and reliable leader.

Last year I decided to retire and Lynelle was kind enough to provide information and perspectives regarding leaving the profession and starting my retirement years. She extended kindness to me as I navigated this transition. And a few minutes of her time became a fond memory for me.

I can only imagine the resource, support and kindness that she gave to people who were in her immediate circle. I am quite sure that her focus on people; her focus on professionalism; on truth; on community; on leading; on supporting; and her focus on kindness will be passed on through her children and grandchildren. She will be reflected in her loved ones, as the days continue to move forward. Her goodness will continue.

Lynelle has touched many hearts and souls. And this is from someone on the outer edge of her periphery.

May each family and friend find comfort, as you say goodbye to her.  
-Anna Apoian

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Anna Apoian - January 08, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lynnelle J. Grumbles.*



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January 04, 2025 at 01:57 AM



“ *Lynnelle and I were friends throughout our college days at Cal Poly and remained in touch over the many years since. Lynnelle was the center of our close circle of friends and no gathering or celebration was complete without her. She introduced us to Kingsburg and to her family, and she was always very proud of both. When she graduated, we knew not only that she would make a significant mark in this world, but also that she was one of those people that would faithfully stay in touch. She did both. Lynnelle loved God, her family and friends, and her work. My life, and the lives of countless others, are the better for having known her. - Wayne Thowless*

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**Wayne Thowless** - January 03, 2025 at 11:58 AM