

Crown Valley Highlands HOA is saddened to learn that Sheryl Bailen, a long term homeowner, lost her courageous battle to cancer recently.

Sheryl and Bill Bailen moved to Laguna Niguel in the late 1970's and have been a dedicated part of this community with their volunteering to help make Laguna Niguel the special place to plant and grow our families. Sheryl always the 'doer' eager to raise her hand and step up to the many calls for help in those early days of hard work required to reach the goals set by the early pioneer Laguna Niguel leaders to help reach our 'special' community title. Always dedicated and dependable to fill spots or lead a project when called upon to volunteer.

The Bailen family were big supporters of Laguna Niguel's sports community again, always there to fill the fundraising needs and helping make so many memories for their 3 children and the community who participated in the sport community.

Sheryl worked alongside the leaders to win the City Hood election in November, 1980 and a member of the committee who worked from the November election day to plan, & make happen, the celebration, a **night to remember**, for the new City's first event. Such a successful feat within less than a month.

She continued to keep her enthusiasm and love for the City when the Laguna Niguel Historical Society was formed, several years after becoming a City, and faithfully served as a Lifetime Member to plan and collect memories of the past, present, and working toward the future serving on the Board for several years. Again, always stepping up to help to bring awareness and build membership for the new organization.

In addition she and Bill regularly attended, until her illness prohibited, the CVH HOA monthly meeting sharing their interest in all things surrounding and affecting their home on Troon, in the Northview section, within the HOA.

Our thanks to Sheryl and sympathy to her family for all the time shared with this community helping to make it 'SPECIAL'.