

# Helen Rice Hawkins

Pendleton

February 5, 2015

Helen Rice Hawkins passed peacefully at her home on February 5, 2015. She was born in 1926. Helen was the daughter of Rob Roy Rice and Leila Norvell Rice of Prescott, Arizona. After her father's death in 1926, she and her mother moved to Helix to live with her grandparents. Helen attended Pendleton High School and graduated in 1941.

Helen attended Oregon State College and graduated in 1945 with a degree in home economics. She was a member and president of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, a member of Phi Kappa Phi and of the home economics honorary, Omicron Nu.

At the end of World War II, Helen married Don Hawkins. Together, they farmed and reared a family on a wheat ranch north of Pendleton. Helen and Don built a wonderful family home, which had ample room for them and their six children. Their farm was designated a Century Farm in 2000.

Helen loved Don, her large family, her home, collecting antiques and the color red. Her memorial service will appropriately be on Valentine's Day. Helen also had a special fondness for the many dogs, cats and other pets the family has cared for over the years.

Helen and her family were active members of the Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton. She was also a committed participant in PEO, the Delphian Club, TAT and the Sew What's, her sewing group. She and Don also belonged to Killkare. These groups gave Helen the opportunity to engage in her favorite activities of sewing, stitching and socializing with longtime friends and their families. Helen used her extraordinary design and decoration skills as a volunteer as well. She was instrumental in the design and remodel of the Little Vert Au-

ditorium, the Pendleton Peace Lutheran Church, the Umatilla County Historical Society and the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame. Helen also devoted many hours to coordinating displays at the Umatilla County Historical Society.

The experience of rearing five daughters made Helen a natural for the role of chaperone of the Pendleton Round-Up Court. During her four years as chaperone, Helen loved her interaction with the court members and established some cherished long-term relationships.

Her interest in antiques and decorating was legend within her family and social circle. Helen also loved to travel and always returned home with interesting stories and carefully chosen additions to her antique collections. Then she learned woodcarving. Everyone in the family has a few of Helen's beautifully carved and hand-painted creations.

Helen's family includes her six children and their spouses: Sherri Leisinger (Andy); Julie Carter (Jim); Tim Hawkins (Jennifer); Candace Wheeler (Frank); Pam Hawkins (Mike Barker - deceased); Becca Zollman (Garry), and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. To Helen's delight, much of this family always gathered with Helen and Don on the ranch for Christmas and other important family days.

Memorial services will be held at the Pendleton Peace Lutheran Church on this coming Saturday, February 14, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Roy Raley Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.

The family encourages contributions to PAWS (animal care and adoption) or Umatilla County Historical Society or other charity of choice in Helen's name.



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newspaper, and later forwarded to other news organizations.

The "recent tax situation"

McDermott referenced became apparent after the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau reported on Jan. 27 that Hayes was paid \$118,000 early in Kitzhaber's third term to serve as a fellow for a Washington, D.C.-

based nonprofit that has done political work in Oregon. Hayes had not included that income on tax returns she provided to other news organizations last fall, *Willamette Week* reported. Kitzhaber and Hayes originally hired Ball Janik LLP around the time

of the November election to represent the couple during a preliminary inquiry by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Hayes' new defense team could ultimately handle more than her tax issues. News reports have also revealed Hayes used state resources to benefit her private consulting business, such as by tasking an employee in the governor's office with arranging travel related to her business. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum informed Kitzhaber in a letter on Monday that her office had opened an investigation into Hayes' activities.

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with the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a review of Secretary of State Kate Brown's decision to reject prospective petitions to recall Kitzhaber.

Tony Green, a spokesman for the Secretary of State, said she has sought legal advice on how to respond. Brown's office said on Friday evening that two prospective recall petitions filed against the governor — one by Marus, and the other by members of Republican Dennis Richardson's 2014 gubernatorial campaign — could not move forward because they were filed too early.

Under the Oregon Constitution, the governor or any other official must be in office for six months before anyone can launch a recall effort. In addition, the Secretary of State's office referred to a 1966 Oregon attorney general's opinion that the constitution refers to the first six months of the official's current term, so a Kitzhaber recall could not proceed at this point despite his previous term.

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## is now required to reside in the city

city indebtedness "may not exceed debt limits imposed by state law," replacing a clause that states that the city may not be in debt more than \$10,000 without voters' consent. The last amendment to the charter authorizing additional debt was voters' approval of \$3 million in bonds in 1977 for a new wastewater treatment plant.

the city council and can be removed by the council.

8) The new charter specifies that the municipal judge must be licensed to practice law in the state of Oregon.

A copy of the updated charter can be found in the agenda packet for Monday's meeting at [hermiston.or.us/meetings/2015feb05/city-council-agenda](http://hermiston.or.us/meetings/2015feb05/city-council-agenda). Hermis-