

Norma Lunde

Norma was born in Massachusetts and grew up in Bangor, Maine. She moved to California after High School where she met and married Odin Lunde, a professional photographer. They moved to Fresno where she attended Fresno State University. A few years later they moved back to Southern California and settled in Montclair where they bought their home.

Norma and Odin had one daughter, Camilla Ann who now lives in Mobile, Alabama with her husband Robert Kaylor, a retired Coast Guard Commander. They have two sons: Matthew who trained to be a medic and is now pursuing that occupation through his college education; and Michael who just returned from active duty in Iraq (previously in Afghanistan) and joined the marine a day after graduating from high school. He and his wife live in Hawaii where he is a trainer.

Montclair is where Norma's dedicated Republican contribution began. An elderly man from Montclair came by one day and offered to register them to vote. Later a visit from her sister and a friend from Whittier who explained the precinct work she was doing and that started it all and the Lunde's were never the same again.



Beginning with three Republican Headquarters in Montclair, Norma worked actively for the following candidates: Glen Libscomb (Congress); John Rousselot (Congress); John Briggs (Assembly); and Bill Coombs (State Senator). It was during this time that a young high school student name Jim Brulte stopped by to volunteer.



The Lundes moved to Upland in 1959 and to her delight it was a Pro-Republican city, after being in a predominantly Democrat Montclair. She was thrilled to be able to work for Reagan for Governor and both his Presidential Campaigns. Because Reagan was so popular, Norma easily registered 100 Republicans for his second campaign.

According to Norma "One day a nice young man by the name of David Dreier came by and asked if she would support him as a Congressman". Of course the answer was "Yes"! Although the first campaign wasn't successful the next election he succeeded and the rest is history.

Norma continued to work hard in the precincts to increase voter registration. In 1990 her husband Odin was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig Disease. He passed away in 1997. In June of 1995 Norma had a hip replacement and in 1996 she broke her right arm.

In 2000 and 2004 Norma walked between 20 and 25 precincts and registered over 400 voters in Upland during the George W. Bush campaigns.

Norma would like to acknowledge June Wallin (deceased and a past President of CCRWF) as her mentor in the beginning. Norma says “One of her goals in life is to permanently organize each Upland precinct so every Republican will always be registered to vote.”