## Norma Schmelling

**SCHMELLING**

**Aug. 6, 1944 - Aug. 7, 2025**

Norma Sue Inman Cude Schreiner Schmelling died on Aug. 7, 2025, after a lifetime battle against convention, boredom, hypocrisy and old age. She was born Aug. 6, 1944, to the Rev. S. Montford and Norma Binford Inman. She was preceded in death by all her family members, most of her ex-husbands and lovers, and numerous cats, dogs, horses, and birds.

She was born in El Campo, Texas, and made her first move at the age of 5 to Freer, Texas. At the age of 12 and against her will, she followed her parents to Houston. From there she moved on to Austin, San Francisco, Salado, Texas, Leavenworth, Kansas, Honolulu, Hawaii, San Antonio, Texas, Bandera, Texas, and her last move to Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas.

After the last move she said that she hoped her next move would be to the grave with someone else doing the heavy lifting. She got her wish.

Like her husbands, her careers were many and varied. She worked as a secretary to put her first husband through school. After receiving a master's in political science, she was hired to be the Texas lobbyist for the Equal Rights Amendment. That provided the springboard to other political jobs including fundraising, political campaigns, and lobbying for various interest groups.

After marrying her third or fourth husband, depending on how you count them, she began a career in human resources which culminated in being vice president of employee relations for a Fortune 500 company.

She taught political science courses as an adjunct instructor for more than 15 years.

At 70, she started a new career as a writer. She wrote columns on her travels for the Hill Country Weekly newspaper. She also published an essay titled "An Old Soul" in the anthology "Kid Me Not."

She wrote a blog about her many and varied experiences and during the pandemic wrote a memoir, "Eight Miles from the Front Gate" about being married to Charles Schreiner III and living on the Y.O. Ranch.

Of all her accomplishments, she considers being a good friend as the most important.

She began traveling at the age of 70 after becoming a widow. Most of her trips centered on seeing animals. These trips took her on a classic safari to Kenya and Tanzania, to Japan to see snow monkeys basking in hot springs, to the Arctic Circle to see polar bears and snow foxes, hiking into the forests of Uganda and Rwanda to see mountain gorillas, to Antarctica to see penguins, seals, and whales, and on a horseback trek across the Mongolian steppes.

She also went to Paris, on a river cruise of Southern France, on a Mediterranean cruise, a Nile River cruise, and attended a course on the British monarchy at Oxford University.

Her final accomplishment at 70 was meeting the man with whom she had her best relationship and the most fun and laughter, Harold Prasatik. He survives her and will miss her Texas accent and lack of logical thinking.

She wrote this obituary and asks her friends to remember her by donating to their local animal shelter or any other animal-related organization. Her favorite was the Pets Alive group that saves so many animals that would otherwise be euthanized.

Norma's cremains will be buried in the Prasatik family plot at Davis Greenlawn Cemetery in Rosenberg, Texas, in a private ceremony. A memorial service celebrating Norma's life is being planned for a later date. Her obituary page at PorterLoring.com will be updated when details are available.

You are invited to sign the Guestbook at www.porterloring.com. Arrangements with Porter Loring Mortuary of San Antonio.

**— PAID OBITUARY —**

## Alexis Aileen Short

**SHORT**

**Nov. 6, 1946 - Aug. 7, 2025**

Alexis Aileen (Dupler) Short, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away at the age of 78 in Boerne, Texas on Aug. 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family and faith.

Her journey began on Nov. 6, 1946, in Athens, Ohio, where she was born to Ralph Gilbert Dupler and Mary Jean (Rauch) Dupler, and from the start, her life was marked by kindness, devotion, and grace.

Alexis graduated from Athens High School in 1964 before earning her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami in 1968. Her university years were filled with friendships and leadership, most notably as an active member and chapter president of the Chi Omega sorority, where she inspired others with her warmth and integrity.

After college, Alexis stayed in Miami, embarking on her career in insurance, and in 1971 her life changed forever when she met Jack Edward Short on a blind date. Their love blossomed, and they wed on Nov. 25, 1972, in Coral Gables, Florida, building a life together grounded in faith and love. Alexis was the proud mother of two daughters, Shannon Elizabeth Short (deceased) and Nicole Aileen (Short) Bishop, and she devoted herself fully to her family, cherishing every moment shared.

Though Alexis moved frequently to new places to support her husband's career, she still had a successful career in the insurance field for twelve years. Eventually, she chose to leave her professional pursuits to focus on being a nurturing wife and mother, embracing her role with the same passion and devotion she brought to every aspect of her life.

Alexis's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She was a devoted Christian, actively participating in her prayer group and Sunday school at First Baptist Church of Boerne. Her spirit radiated warmth and generosity, and she shared her love of painting, swimming, reading, family, canasta, and the Word of God with all who knew her. Alexis lived each day with gratitude, finding beauty in simple joys and encouraging others to do the same.

Alexis is survived by her loving husband, Jack Edward Short; her cherished daughter Nicole Bishop, devoted son-in-law Bryan Bishop, and precious granddaughter Sloane Shannon Bishop of Boerne, Texas. She will also be missed by her sister-in-law Judy Dupler, niece Jean

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## Doris A. McKenzie Hastings

**HASTINGS**

**Sept. 20, 1935 - July 19, 2025**

Doris A. Hastings, lovingly known as Mom, Grandma and MawMaw, passed away peacefully at the age of 89 on July 19, 2025, at her home in Boerne, Texas, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family.

Born on Sept. 20, 1935, in Atascosa County, Texas, Doris was the cherished daughter of the late Hugh and Frances McKenzie. On Nov. 12, 1961, she married Clinton Hastings, in San Antonio, Texas. Together, they built a life grounded in love, devotion and family. Their marriage spanned nearly 47 years until Clinton's passing.

Doris retired from Southwestern Bell after a long and dedicated career. Those who knew Doris will remember her for her deep devotion to her family, her generous heart, and her unwavering faith.

They will also smile at the memory of her legendary stubbornness — a trait that showed up in her determination to do things her own way, stand firm in her beliefs, and fight for the people and causes she loved.

That same steadfast spirit carried her through life's challenges with grit and grace.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clinton Hastings, her parents Hugh and Frances McKenzie, her sister Pat Wells, and her beloved granddaughter Katie Scarlet.

She is survived by her sons Jeff Hastings, Bruce Hastings, and Chris Hastings and wife Lisa; her sister Darlene White and husband Morris; grandchildren Valisa, Waylon and wife Brooke, Dakota and husband Conor, Ryleigh, and Lawson; great-granddaughter Jamesina; and numerous nieces and nephews who will continue to carry her memory forward.

Doris' life was a testament to love, faith, family and the quiet strength of a woman who refused to give up, no matter what.

In accordance with her wishes, no formal services will be held. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Doris will be remembered for her unwavering love for her family, her enduring strength, and the gentle wisdom she shared throughout her long and beautiful life.

**— PAID OBITUARY —**

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Boerne, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on August 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., and a second Public Hearing on September 9, 2025 in the City Council Chambers located at 447 North Main Street, Boerne, Texas, to discuss the proposed budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of $1,083,612 which is a 6.8 percent increase from last year's budget, and of that amount, $266,194 is the tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The proposed budget is accessible from the City's website homepage at https://www.ci.boerne.tx.us/

The following is required by H.B. 1522 and shows for the median-valued homestead property, a comparison of the property tax bill in dollars form the current fiscal year to an estimate of the property tax bill in dollars for the same property for the upcoming fiscal year if the City's proposed budget is adopted and if the budget funded by the no-new-revenue rate is adopted instead.

| | 2024 Adopted | 2025 Proposed | 2025 No-new-revenue |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Tax Rate (per $100 of value) | 0.4716 | 0.4716 | 0.4615 |
| Average homestead taxable value | $ 462,836 | $ 485,421 | $ 485,421 |
| Tax on Average Homestead | $ 2,183 | $ 2,289 | $ 2,240 |

s/s Lori A. Carroll, City Secretary

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT THE PUBLIC MEETINGS

The City of Boerne Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. Requests for special services must be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time by calling the City Secretary at 830-249-9511.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of $0.4716 per $100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF BOERNE.

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| PROPOSED TAX RATE | $0.4716 per $100 |
| NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE | $0.4615 per $100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | $0.4865 per $100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF BOERNE from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF BOERNE may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF BOERNE is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM at 447 N. Main St., Boerne, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF BOERNE is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of CITY OF BOERNE at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

**YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:**

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal: TY WOLOSIN, JOE BATEMAN, QUINTEN SCOTT, BRET BUNKER, JOSEPH MACALUSO

AGAINST the proposal: N/A

PRESENT and not voting: FRANK RITCHIE

ABSENT: N/A

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF BOERNE last year to the taxes proposed to the be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF BOERNE this year.

| | 2024 | 2025 | Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Total tax rate (per $100 of value)** | $0.4716 | $0.4716 | No change |
| **Average homestead taxable value** | $462,836 | $485,421 | Increase of $22,585, or 4.88% |
| **Tax on average homestead** | $2,183 | $2,289 | Increase of $107, or 4.88% |
| **Total tax levy on all properties** | $16,171,183 | $17,125,753 | Increase of $954,570, or 5.90% |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for CITY OF BOERNE at 830-249-8012 or crystal.rivera@kendallad.org, or visit www.kendallad.org for more information.