

# News from Nan

## NEWS 'N' VIEWS

# OUR MOVE TO BONNIE WAY, GLEN ELLEN, CALIFORNIA

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## The story of our move to Bonnie Way

Ellen and Rick's beautiful new retirement home, at 223 Bonnie Way in Glen Ellen, California, was finally finished on January 9, 2023. On that day they drove up from San Jose to pick up the keys and celebrate.



*Ellen and Rick in their new home in Glen Ellen*



*Bailey in the new house*

The house completion has been a huge accomplishment! The lot became available for them to purchase in 2018, after the 2017 fire that destroyed the prior dwelling and prompted the former owner to sell and move on.



*223 Bonnie Way in 2013, before the fire*

Since then, there have been many challenges of subsequent droughts and fires, COVID, and the unavailability of building materials and other essentials like appliances. Through it all, Rick and Ellen continued their full-time jobs and current residency in Silicon Valley, and oversaw whatever progress could be managed on Bonnie Way.



*Main house and ADU, mostly finished*

Rick and Ellen very generously included us in their plans to move to Sonoma County by offering us accommodations in the ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit, or “granny flat”) on the same lot as their house. We’re very grateful to them and happy to be their next-door neighbors. As of this date, they are still living in San Jose, but they’re starting to put the finishing touches on the Bonnie Way structures, driveways, pathways, and landscaping. When the time is right, they intend to sell their house on Robin Ridge Court and move up here permanently.

In 2020, we anticipated our move to Bonnie Way by renting an apartment in Rohnert Park, about 20 miles from Glen Ellen. In recent weeks we did significant pre-packing, so that we could schedule movers for January 16, only a week after building completion.



*Our movers on Bonnie Way delivering furniture and other large items*

We are now fully moved and mostly settled in. We’re pleased with our wonderful new home, beautiful neighborhood, and friendly neighbors, who have showered us with flowers, food, encouragement, and conversation.



*We've been enjoying the spring flowers, inside and out*

Here are some additional photos to document the happy occasion. Thank you again, Ellen and Rick – we will be forever grateful!



*The driveways are still not finished. Since this picture was taken most of the pavers are in place.*



*Anna on the porch of the ADU*



*Dick on the porch of the ADU*



*Dick has been enjoying the starry skies visible in Glen Ellen. On the lower right is the big dipper.*



*Justi Creek, which flows along the back of the Livengood property*



*Full moon off to the west*

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