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From the Office of Mayor Thomas P. Schneider

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**A PLAQUE DEDICATION FOR THE LATE JOHN M. AND PEARL M. DOOLEY IS
FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29TH IN FRONT OF DOOLEY'S FLORIST LOCATED AT 690
rue ST. FRANCOIS BEFORE THE START OF THE SECOND WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT
FESTIVITIES**

Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is pleased to announce that the City along with Old Town Partners will be hosting a dedication to unveil a plaque in honor of the late John M. and Pearl M. Dooley. This will be the 27th Walk through History plaque in honor of someone who has made a valuable contribution to the City of Florissant. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 29th at 5:45 p.m. in front of Dooley's Florist located at 690 rue St. Francois. The plaque dedication will take place before the start of the second Wednesday Night Out festivities which is being co-hosted by Korte's Custom Framing & Antiques and Dooley's Florists & Gifts located in the 600 block of rue St. Francois.

John and Pearl Dooley opened Dooley's Florist in July of 1966. They raised six children and one niece who all had a hand in the family business and worked in the store. Pearl ran the popular neighborhood florist store, while John who was a war veteran that had served proudly in World War II was a prod member of the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562. A few years later in 1973 John opened Dooley Travel Service in Florissant, one of the first travel agencies in the area.

Both John and Pearl were active and committed members of many organizations and charitable groups, like the Florissant Valley Chamber of commerce, Rotary and Soroptimist International, Florissant Gardeners Club, SKAL (international travel agent group, SAF (Society of American florists), Historic Florissant, Florissant Old Town Partners and were St. Martin de Porres parishioners. They both felt family, church and community were important and were proud of what they were able to accomplish together.