



Joan Myrtle Jensen

January 6, 1937 - December 9, 2023

Our beloved mom passed away December 9, 2023. In lieu of flowers you can donate funds to the Post Office in her honor! <https://gofund.me/87442c0c>
We are the Jensen Family from Portal, Arizona. Our mom has been doing the Portal Post Office for 45 years. The post office is just a contract post office which is house in one of the original one room schoolhouses back in the day. Our dad when he was alive would go to the post office and help our mom put up the mail. We are a small community in Southwest Arizona. Now with our mom at the age of 86 needs to retire. The post office is open four hours a day Monday - Friday and one hour on Saturday. What money our mom made which was under \$10,000 no retirement or benefits paid all expense with the money she made. The expense are propane, insurance/bond, instead of paying rent, we have to do all repairs to the building and anything else that needed to get paid. Our family is putting our mom's contract in a LLC called Portal Community Post Office LLC. This is the only way to save our post office which has been in our community forever. We have the following expenses to improve services at the post office. We need to purchase a meter/scale, telephone/internet, pay wages for the clerks. Remember this expense will not be paid by the US Post Office. We know the community has been used to mom paying all the expenses for 40 years plus but now if we are going to save the Post Office, we are going to need help. We know the big question is why should I pay for a free service--well it is a contract station and all they pay is the wage mom gets. We are hopeful that if the post office revenue will

increase and in doing that, we can renegotiate the contract. We do have new stamps to buy. Endangered Species and Waterfalls-- Please think of us when buying stamps or mailing packages. Our little post office is important to our community which sits in the heart of the Chiricahua Mountain and is one of the birding hotspots in the United States. If it closes, we will be forced to travel 52 miles to get our packages. Please help us save the Portal Community Post Office that is the hub of our town.

Joan and Chuck Jensen were keepers of the post office!

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Previous Events

Heavenly Birthday

JAN 6. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Portal Post Office
2391 S. rock House Road
Portal, AZ 85632

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Westlawn Chapel - January 01, 2024 at 06:09 PM

RG

“ Chuck and Joan were not only our next door neighbors they were also instrumental in the success of the Portal store but also spent many sleepless nights being a dispatcher for Portal rescue. They even had an extension line put in their home for Portal rescue. Our youngest daughter used to sneak over and Joan would fix her breakfast. Chuck taught me how to do wiring and I rewired most of the store and main house. There are so many things that they did for us and the community that it would take me a week to try remember them. I only wished that I could have gone back for a visit before they passed. If by chance there will be a memorial or celebration of life I would love to know about it. Kim and Jeff Gee can contact me via Facebook or I can be reached at santatuss@gmail.com or showlowsanta.com I feel like we all will forever be indebted to Chuck and Joan for everything they did for the community and the Griffiths/Reece families when we had the Portal store.



Russ Griffiths - December 30, 2023 at 09:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Westlawn Chapel - December 28, 2023 at 09:39 AM

RG

“ Many memories of working with Joan. She was one of a kind. It's time to take a rest R. I.P. Rosie and family

Rose Gonzalez - December 11, 2023 at 09:40 PM

NH

Prayers and sympathy to the family and all her many friends.

Norma Lee Helton - December 12, 2023 at 02:04 PM