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Kevin Jensen

May 24, 1961 - Dec. 25, 2023

Kevin Dean Jensen, 62, of Morganton passed away unexpectedly on December 25, 2023. Kevin was born in Kearney, Nebraska to Janet Pettis and the late Reverend Alvin Jensen on May 24, 1961. Being the son of a minister, he grew up moving between Missouri and Kansas. Understandably, Kevin immediately fell in love with the beautiful mountain terrain of Western North Carolina and its vast hiking and biking trails. Kevin received a B.S. degree in Psychology from Pittsburg State University, Kansas, and his M.A. degree in Psychology from Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. He spent his career serving people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities both in Kansas and North Carolina. Upon his retirement Kevin was employed as a Staff Psychologist at J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. In addition to his mother of Rapid City, SD, Kevin is survived by his wife of thirty-one years, Joyce McCarn Jensen of the home and a brother, Keith Jensen, of Englewood, Colorado. Kevin is also survived by a special sister-in-law, Janice M. Goode of Fletcher, NC; niece Mollie G. Phillips of Hendersonville, NC; nephew, Robert S. Goode, Jr. of Asheville, great-nephew Noah Phillips of Hendersonville, and a host of special friends.

A graveside service will be held Friday, December 29, 2023 at 2:00pm at Oak Hill

United Methodist Church cemetery with the Reverend Adam Love officiating. Memorials may be directed to The Men's Club of Morganton, Bikes 4 Kids, PO Box 3825, Morganton, NC or to Oak Hill United Methodist Church, 2239 Hwy 181, Morganton, NC.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

I was thinking about Kevin and wondering how you both were doing and I came across his passing, I'm so sorry about your loss.

—Sheri Buckner



—Earlene B Kincaid

Joyce, I just heard of Kevin's passing yesterday from a former co-worker/ friend at JIRDC. So sorry to hear this. It was a pleasure running into you both in Old Fort last year. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Cindy Cook

—Cindy Cook



—Brenda Whisenant



Dear Joyce, I feel like I know you and Kevin. Janice has



passed on the most beautiful stories of your family. Kevin was brought into many of your memorable adventures together. I wish I could have met him as Kevin seemed to be such a very gentle soul. Your marriage together appeared to be strong, loving and comforting. Please know that you

and all of your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Judy Brittain

–Judy Brittain



–Denise Silver



–Laura P Gwyn

Joyce, so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Love and prayers for you.

–Susan Hodges



Joyce so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers. Daphne Caldwell

–Daphne A Caldwell

I remember Kevin fondly as an upbeat, positive guy who, along with his wife, Joyce, helped brighten the lives of all who knew them. - Jim Favell

—Jim Favell



—Edna Suttles

This is Brad Burkes in Brownsville, Texas. I am Kevin's cousin and about the same age. I found myself thinking about Kevin Tuesday morning not knowing that he had passed the day before. We were close when we were little kids exploring the woods at the church camp in Pittsburgh, Missouri. I remember him as fearless as we explored and climbed the tallest trees. He had a great sense of humor and was able to get along with anyone. Joyce, you connected with my parents when passing through Omaha, Nebraska, AL and Joyce Burkes. My mom was impressed by you and always said that you were very good for Kevin. I was sad that we grew apart as our callings took us to different parts of the country. But I look forward to seeing him in eternity, knowing that he was and is a true "Child of God" in our Savior, Jesus Christ! He is now "Reigning with Christ" Revelation 22:1-5, 2nd Timothy 2:11-13 Praying for all of you who love Kevin! Brad Burkes.

—Brad Burkes



—Vickie Whitworth



Praying that you will find comfort Joyce in all the beautiful memories you have shared with Kevin. He was such a great guy. This is a tremendous loss.

—Sharon Ferguson

Sending prayers your way Joyce. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Kevin was always an all around good guy. Enjoy working with him. I will keep you in my prayers as the days to come.

—Gail Wilson

Joyce, We are so sorry to hear this. Praying God wraps you in his arms and brings you comfort. Mike and Donnie Crump

—Donnie Crump



Joyce, I am so sorry to hear about Kevin. He was a real stand up guy and I enjoyed working with him. He was always so nice to the staff and the residents. Sorry about your loss.

—Martha Barrier

Our love and prayers are with you, Joyce. The life you and Kevin had together was special and blessed. May you find peace and comfort in remembering and going forward with God's protection and guidance. With our love, prayers and respect, John and Patsy Meyer

—John and Patsy Meyer



Joyce, we are thinking of you. We pray for God's comfort



Joyce, We are thinking of you. We pray for God's comfort and blessings for you during this difficult time. May he Rest In Peace.

—Steve & Karen Corley



Joyce, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.

—Jessica Shuffler



So very sad to hear. Sending much love your way, Joyce.

—Sondra G Middleton

I always enjoyed working and knowing Kevin. So sorry about your loss

—Janet Jehnzen

Dear Joyce and The Jensen Family, We are all terribly saddened by the loss of Kevin. And have you in our thoughts and prayers. Kevin was a client of mine and our shop family for 35yrs. We shared our lives, losses, love of pets Milly, Chloe and the cats. And his love for you! The Antique trips were always his best! Kevin was like family, he always stopped to talk with Rhonda and Robin about his dogs, of how much joy the were to him. In his last trip to the shop Rhonda rushed to get him before he left. To come see a visiting customer with a new miniature puppy. Kevin was all smiles. As he left, he wished the shop a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Kevin will truly be missed by me and his Headlines Family

and Happy New Year! Kevin will truly be missed by me and his Headlines Family. But we know, with his healed body. He is riding the bike trails of heaven. With our sincere condolences! Becky and The Headlines Family

—Becky Craig "Headlines"

I always enjoyed working on projects with Kevin around the house. He will be missed and his lost will be felt by many. Praying for the family during this difficult time.

—Gary Harbison



Joyce, sending prayers for peace in the terrible time for you. So enjoyed the privilege of working with both of you-

—Lydia Walters



—Mike Smith

Joyce, we're still reeling from this sad news, but know that so many loved and adored Kevin. His commitment to the care of others made him so popular with many and his personality gained him respect with peers. Enjoyed being with him and will certainly miss him. Our hope and prayers go with you in the days ahead.

—Jerry Reynolds



Joyce, your graciousness in phoning me on Christmas Day in the midst of your grief is immeasurable. I have been flooded with memories of my boy KJ's and my adventurers



that began 30+ years ago to include camping, hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing, but truth be told, mostly sitting with a cigar and a beer just being happy to be next to each other. Some events are about a something where nothing can be said—words cannot express the sadness. Be good

—Bill Helsel



I hope the wonderful memories bring you much comfort during this difficult time.

—Debbie Hawkins



Our dear, kind neighbor. We feel your loss greatly and grieve with your loved ones at your untimely departure from this world. Rest peacefully, friend.

—Tom and Julie Johnson

Dear Joyce, We are so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. We are praying for you to receive comfort and peace today and in the days ahead. Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart." Joy and Ralph Keaton

—Joy and Ralph Keaton



—Lynn Justice



I'm so sorry to hear about Kevin. He was always so kind to me growing up. I'm praying for everyone. Love you.

—Stephanie Cobb



I'm so sad and shocked to learn of Kevin's passing. I really enjoyed working with him. He was very kind and always willing to talk and help others. He will be so missed!! Joyce, you and your family are in my thoughts, and I will be praying for God's peace and comfort. With love and deepest sympathy, Robin Hennessee Laffey

—Robin Hennessee Laffey

So sorry to hear this shocking news about Kevin. Joyce, you're in our thoughts and prayers!

—Roxie and Blair Ellis

Joyce, I am so sorry to hear of Kevin's passing. I always enjoyed working with him and bumping into you and him after retirement. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Nina

—Nina Harding

Dear Joyce, Kevin was such a good fit in our family. Tim loved talking with him because of his easy going personality and giving spirit. I loved him because he loved you and his helpfulness to your mother. He always grilled for all those birthday bashes, didn't he? And his caring affection for your dogs over the years is an enduring trait. I'm sure he was an excellent help in his job. He had the quality of a great listener. I will be praying for you during the hard days ahead.

Kevin is hiking and biking in sunlight. Wanda

–Wanda S Myers



–Richard Branch



–Nita Dale

What a shock! I am so sorry to hear this, Joyce. Life is sometimes so unfair. I loved working with Kevin and his willingness to take on difficult cases. The picture looks so much like Buddy it made me think of their epic and physical mountain bike rides. As a joke. I tried to get Duke to give Kevin a written warning to stop hurting Buddy on these rides. We loved hearing about them-probably because we couldn't do what they did. This is so hard to take, but we are having to accept some tough events these days. May the peace of God be with you and your family.

–Martin Ivancic

–Joy Puett