

About Jeanie Groves

Eugenia Joy Sekaquaptewa was named after her father's next younger sibling, her Uncle Eugene and with the middle name of the firstborn daughter of the family, Joy, who died as a baby. Those names will always remind her of her Hopi family, tribal cultural values of extended family, community, environmental relationships, and spiritual relationships with all those entities.

She became Jeanie, grew up in Phoenix, AZ and spent summers with her grandparents in Hopi, later working during the summers there with her father in his silversmith shop. Her education resulted in a degree in social work, marriage to Jay Groves, member of Northern Ute Uncompahgre Band, and a family of five children.

While living in Utah, Jeanie worked in her local school district and eventually became the Indian Education Coordinator there for more than twenty-four years developing a passion for Indian Education, Culture, and Indian families, who became extended family in her life. She continues to be involved in Indian activities and community groups to promote cultural sustainability for current and future generations of Native people who are our Families.

