



Janeil Austin made her transition on Saturday, June 27, 2020. The coroners report has not yet been received as of June 30, 2020 according to her daughter Monica.

Janeil was one of the founding members of the Desert Screenwriters Guild Inc. and long time member of the Palm Springs Writers Guild.

CEO – J.K. & Associates. Retired Riverside County Office of Education. Author of children’s stories and scripts based on those stories. Janeil was an inspiration and mentor to many screenwriters and writers.

Janeil Austin has a B.S. in Business Management with honors from the University of Redlands.

She is a graduate of CORO Public Affairs Leadership training program for Southern California Associate with the Association of Independent Information Professionals. She is an alumni of the Los Angeles Grantsmanship Center. Janeil has extensive work in non-profit & community services organizations including membership in the Palm Springs Writers Guild, Palm Springs Women in Film, Californians For A Drug Free Youth, Coordinator Youth to Youth Leadership conferences, Leisure Services Organization, Riyadh Recreation and Lockhead Ladies in Saudi Arabia. She is past Chair of the Indio Cultural Arts Commission, past President of Coachella Valley Public Education Foundation (Spooktacular, Inc.) and past Facilitator United States Department of Education conferences in San Francisco, CA.

Janeil Austin’s death came as a shock. A visionary founder, Janeil, was a meticulous screenwriter and strove to make the Desert Screenwriters meetings special by recruiting professionals from movie producers, directors, writers, and actors. Her goal was to invite guests that had first-hand knowledge of the movie business. We’ll remember her as an open-minded woman that took screenwriting seriously. Her energy and generosity pushed those around her to become better screenwriters. She was the heart and soul of the Desert Screenwriters Guild Inc. and a tireless leader who was involved in Coachella Valley High School’s creation of Studio 55, a TV studio that creates student shorts, and local TV, in part to help nurture young talent as the true educator she was. She will be missed.