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Celebration of Life for Former Park Ranger and Desert Advocate Susan Luckie Reilly

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Twentynine Palms, California –A Celebration of Life event for Susan Luckie Reilly will be held this Saturday, July 8th, 2017, at 10 a.m., at the Bell Center on the campus of Copper Mountain College. The event is open to the public.

Ms. Reilly was born in 1916, the same year the park service was founded and worked at Joshua Tree National Monument as a seasonal ranger-naturalist in 1965. She has maintained a close relationship with the park over the last 50 years.

Ms. Reilly and others founded the Morongo Basin Conservation Association which is dedicated to preserving the economic and environmental welfare of the Morongo Basin. Her final legacy will be the gift of her home and acreage to Joshua Tree National Park for use as a research center.

“Susan was an inspiration for a generation of young women seeking roles in conservation and land management. She was an amazing neighbor, a great teacher, and a friend to all of us who love Joshua Tree and the California Desert. I am thankful to have been able to know her” said Superintendent David Smith.

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