

# Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



### **Packaging Streamer Flies & Remembering Steve**

I have been tying the Pumpkin Head Streamer and wanted to find a way to package them for protection. This is what I came up with.



I purchase plastic bags at Wal-Mart, and this size is 2" x 3". Wal-Mart has a number of different size bags.



Then I used my Impulse Sealer. This sealed them individually. They are protected and can be view without damaging the flies. If you wanted to give a fly to one of your friends, they can easily be separated by pulling at the sealed joint.



Here is the information on the sealer.



This is the fly that has been sealed in the bag. Let me know what you think. <u>dmstead@aol.com</u> Many of us knew Steve Jensen, and this was written in our Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers newsletter. I wanted to share it.

### Steven L. Jensen

March 6, 1941 - May 19, 2020



After a tenacious battle with complications incident to COPD, and surrounded by loved ones, Steven Leroy Jensen passed away in his home on May 19, 2020. He was 79 years old. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 6, 1941, Steve attended elementary and secondary school in Salt Lake City. By the time Steve graduated from Highland High School, he had been employed as a scientific illustrator by Dr. George Edmunds at the University of Utah, who had admired Steve's work at a local science fair. Illustrating Mayflies, which later became the

focus of his life's work, also led to Steve's interest in the arts of fly fishing and fly tying.

Because Dr. Edmunds was considered the world authority on Mayflies, Steve made the decision to remain at the University of Utah for his advanced degrees. While there, Steve met Nancy Ann Smith. They were married on October 2, 1968. Steve completed his Ph.D. in 1972 and became Assistant Professor at (now) Missouri State University. He ultimately served as Head of the Department of Biology for seven years prior to retiring in 2005.

From 1974-1994, Steve served as an entomologist with the 14th Preventive Medicine Unit of the U. S. Army Reserve. When his Unit was activated in 1990, Steve served on active duty in Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. After Steve returned home, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel and served as Commander of the 14th Preventive Medicine Unit. He was founding president of Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers; held various positions including president of the Southern Council, Federation of Fly Fishers; and served on the Fly-Tiers Board of Fly Fishers International. Steve earned numerous awards--at local, regional and international levels--for both his fly-tying and fly-framing contributions, as well as for the many hours spent teaching these skills to others. In the fishing world, Steve is also known for the hand-held, wooden bobbins he designed for tying flies, and for his beautiful, hand-painted poppers.

Steve also played golf and collected and studied postage stamps. He was honored in the summer of 2019 when the American Philatelic Society sent him the coveted 50-Year (Membership) Medallion. Most importantly, Steve was a family man. It was rare that Steve missed a sporting event or extra-curricular activity in which his sons participated, and he often coached their teams or put his bass voice to use in the press box. This supportive tradition continued with the grandchildren.

Steve became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2017, and he and Nancy were sealed in the Detroit, Michigan LDS Temple on October 2, 2018 (their 50th wedding anniversary). He enjoyed serving in the presidency of the Sunday school in Chesterfield Ward. Steve is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nancy; sons: Gary Jensen (Springfield, Mo) and Jon Jensen (Colorado Springs); three grandchildren; a great grandson; three sisters, plus numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Steve will be cremated and inurnment will occur at Missouri Veterans Cemetery, with full military honors. A celebration of his life will take place at 11:00 a.m. on October 2, 2020, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 4450 S. Farm Rd. 141, Springfield, MO. Family and friends may pay their respects there from 9:00-10:30 a.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Steve and Nancy Jensen Biology Scholarship at MSU; Integrity Home Care and Hospice-Springfield; or a charity of the donor's choice.

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