

CASEY DENNIS

GLASSWORK

Casey Dennis was born in Douglas, Arizona, and raised on a cattle ranch in southeastern Arizona. Following graduation from nurses' training with her RN, she worked for several years before entering the United States Air Force. She was on active duty for five years in Vietnam, flying aeromedical evacuation of wounded GIs. Ultimately, she retired from the Arizona Air National Guard as a lieutenant colonel after 25 years of service in the military. Once home from the war, she married and had two children. She used the GI Bill to obtain a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Arizona in Anthropology. Gradually, she became more interested in southwestern archaeology and phased out of nursing. She taught southwestern archaeology at Yavapai College in Cottonwood, Arizona, for 20 years and was director of the Elderhostel program in the Verde Valley for 16 years, also for Yavapai College. She worked part-time as a private contractor, conducting surface archaeological surveys between 1983 and 2003. Following retirement to the area of her youth at the Chiricahua National Monument, she has been active in glass art production, producing stained, fused and slumped pieces. The hobby has expanded to such an extent that she now displays jewelry and art pieces in three galleries in southeastern Arizona.

