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DICK ELLIS

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023, 2:00P.M.
CREATIVE LIFE CENTER
333 SCHNEBLY HILL RD, SEDONA, AZ**

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday October 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at the Creative Life Center, 333 Schnebly Hill Rd, Sedona, AZ.

Jo Ellis asks that you join her in honoring Dick's love for Sedona and the community he helped build.

Dick's contributions to Sedona and the Verde Valley are hard to overstate. He served on the Board of Directors of a host of organizations including **Keep Sedona Beautiful**, Benefactors of Red Rock State Park, Save Our Ancient Redrocks, and the Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute. He also served on the Steering Committee for the Permanent Protection of the national forest in the Sedona Verde Valley Red Rock Area (CPP).

Dick was passionate about protecting and preserving our environment and the beauty of Sedona. He was instrumental in working with KSB to pass Sedona's covered load ordinance and was the driving force behind the citizen-led effort to keep Hwy 179 from becoming a 4-lane thoroughfare. He was also passionate about the value of quality education and served on the Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee of Yavapai College. Dick was a treasure trove of Sedona's history and championed the decisions underpinning Sedona's attraction to people all over the world.

Dick also served on Sedona's Planning and Zoning Commission, the Sedona City Council, as well as serving as Sedona's mayor from June 2002 – June 2004. His service to the community focused on critical issues such as open communications and transparency in government, transportation, infrastructure, quality of life and efficiency in government. Many of the best practices followed by city government are a direct result of Dick's work.

Dick loved Sedona. He was 94 years old when he passed. His passionate work on behalf of Sedona will be remembered.

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