

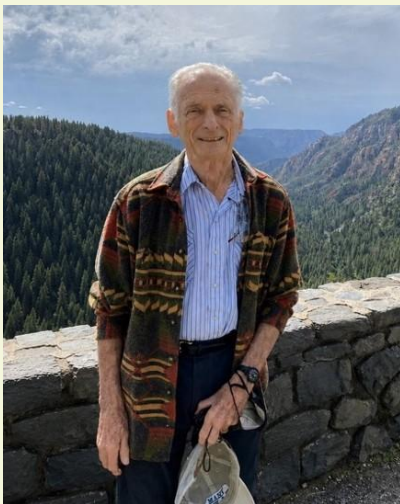


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Celebrating Our First 50 Years

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KSB Member,



In Memory of Bill Kusner

(1938 – 2026)

Past President of KSB and one of the most active and influential of Sedona's residents Bill Kusner passed away on May 15.

Bill served on the KSB Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2012 and was President from 1999-2002. He and his wife Justine were KSB litter lifters continuously from 1997 until 2018, owning a stretch of Highway 179 just south of the Village of Oak Creek. Both were honored with a KSB Award of Excellence for Community Service in 2019. Bill and Justine were among the first generous contributors to the KSB Endowment Fund.

A passionate advocate for protection of our public lands, in 2003 Bill was instrumental in the creation of the Verde Valley Land Preservation Institute, and in 2004 Bill and Justine won a Volunteers of the Year Award from the Greater Sedona Community Foundation. Bill also served on the Big Park Regional Coordinating Council for 15 years, including nine years on the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Bill and Justine were also very active in Friends of the Forest (FOF). Justine served as President of FOF in 1999 and 2000. Combined, they contributed over 11,000 hours to that organization, working in nearly every capacity to support the Forest Service.

In his final years, Bill resided at Sedona Winds Assisted Living and loved working daily on puzzles ranging from 200 to 2000 pieces. He enjoyed a daily walk and a good Manhattan. Sedona will miss one of its foremost volunteers.

A Funeral Mass for Bill will be held on Friday 6/26/26 at 10:00 am at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church, 180 St. John Vianney Lane, Sedona, AZ 86336, followed by a simple reception in the church hall. Burial at the Sedona Community Cemetery will be private.

In Bill's honor his family has asked that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to either Friends of the Forest at [Friends of the Forest Sedona](http://www.friendsoftheforest.org) or to Keep Sedona Beautiful at [Memorial Gift – Keep Sedona Beautiful](http://www.KeepSedonaBeautiful.org). If payment by check is preferred, make check payable to Keep Sedona Beautiful, 360 Brewer Rd., Sedona, AZ 86336.

<https://www.greersmortuaryofsedona.com/obituaries/william-kusner>



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