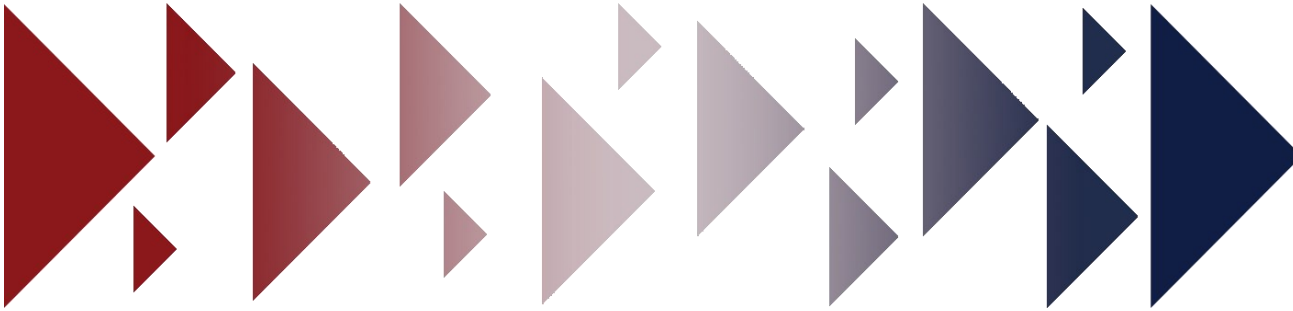


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In Memoriam - Bill Nelson

Bill Nelson has long partnered with University of Arizona as a principal in GLHN Architects and Engineers; he is the “N” in “GLHN”. His first involvement was a 1972 utility project. Since then, he and his employees have significantly contributed to many projects on campus including building design, utility infrastructure expansion and update, and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing upgrades. The Main Campus CHRP cooling tower is dedicated to Bill in recognition.

Bill earned a Mechanical Engineering degree here in 1978 and became an adjunct professor in the AME department for many years, team teaching an HVAC basics course. He also taught classes for APPA Institute, and taught 6th grade Junior Achievement classes.

Beyond his knowledge and experience, Bill’s outgoing and gregarious personality made him approachable and pleasant. He took a genuine interest in others, always ready to mentor and encourage younger professionals, whether they were his own staff members or those employed by his many clients.

That interest in others carried over into his life outside of work. He was deeply involved with many organizations: as a Trustee for the Greater Tucson Fire Foundation, on the Pima Community College Curriculum Board, as a board member for the Catalina Council Boy Scouts of America, and serving the Sisters of Carondelet.

Bill had a childlike imagination and sense of wonder that fueled his creativity and enthusiasm. He was not bound by “what has been done before” but was always willing and eager to explore “what could be done”. His enthusiasm was contagious, and his warmth made it easy to spend time with him, whether in an official capacity or a social occasion.

Bill was far more than an “associate” and was a true friend to many who knew him. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on in the numerous projects to which he contributed, the APPA members he mentored through RMA, the many great stories he shared with us, and most important, the warmth and graciousness he showed everyone.

