

WILDLIFER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Official Dedication Ceremony

DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

- The backbone of any agency or university program is its people. Working wildlife professionals and students striving to reach their goals are some of the most dedicated individuals a person will ever meet
- Four of the six people remembered in the Wildlifer Memorial Garden were employees of the Arizona Game & Fish Department. Another was working with a Department employee.
- In January of 1994, after the tragic loss of one of our star Wildlife Managers, I was asked by Charles Pregler, then-President of the Arizona Chapter of The Wildlife Society, for agency support for the newly-initiated project to develop a "Wildlifer's Memorial."
- The Department was asked to provide a site for the proposed garden and to provide maintenance of the site once it was completed. I supported this and asked our Commission to do the same.
- The Department was also asked to coordinate the design to ensure compatibility with the Phoenix office complex. Since 1994, many Department employees have labored alongside Arizona Chapter members to produce the beautiful garden behind me.
- The Wildlifer Memorial Garden represents a collaborative effort to honor six people who lost their lives working for wildlife in our state. The Arizona Game & Fish Department is proud to be part of this collaborative effort to create a living tribute to those who sacrificed so much for this State.

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