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## RICHARD EDWARD GENSER



Richard Edward Genser September 27, 1944 - February 27, 2008 A life long member of the Sierra Club, Rich (aka Rex, Geronimo) passionately dedicated his life to saving the environment. He served as Chairman of the Sierra Club of Tucson for many years as well as State Chairman of the Sierra Club. He was born in Newark, New Jersey and grew up in South Orange, New Jersey. After graduating from Colorado College, he served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era, and then returned to New Jersey where he owned car dealerships and speculated in real estate. He moved to Tucson in the late 80's and again became involved in various real estate ventures. His environmental passion continued to play a dominant role in his real estate development as evidenced by his concern about preserving open spaces, protecting washes, and maintaining wildlife corridors. He was instrumental in orchestrating

and bringing to fruition the Sonoran Desert Protection Plan. Recently he and his wife, Claire, relocated to Manchester Center, Vermont, where he opened a gem and mineral store. Rich lived to play outside. He was an avid and accomplished skier, kayaker, hiker, mountain biker, camper, and golfer. He was exceptionally devoted to his family and friends, always offering encouragement, compassion, and laughter. He kept everyone constantly entertained with his amusing stories and antics. Rich was truly one of a kind - a larger than life individual. He is survived by his wife, Claire; father, Lester Genser (Agnes); son, Jordon Genser; sister, Susan Bulger; brother, Jon Genser (Annie); step-daughters Carol Bailey Stevens (Eloy), Ashley Ronen (Shlomi); four grandchildren, Zaida, Blue, Hailey, and Samantha; three nieces, Laura, Jane, and Courtney, a nephew, Gregg; several great-nieces and nephews, and his ex-wife Jill Genser. A memorial service will be held Saturday March 1st, 2008 at 11:00 am at Skyline Country Club with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, Rich requested donations be made to the Sierra Club of Tucson and Angel Charity for Children.

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