

AZ Insider: Philanthropist Gary Herberger Dies

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Phoenix mourns philanthropist, architect, businessman Gary Herberger

It's with a heavy heart I'm sharing the news that **Gary Herberger**, 79, one of Arizona's most renowned philanthropists and businessman, has died. Above is one of his wife **Jeanne's** favorite photos of him. Gary, also an architect, (one of the last to apprentice under **Frank Lloyd Wright**) leaves a strong legacy on the arts and education in Arizona.

Gary had a low-key and humble demeanor, but a very strong presence in a room.

Following in the major philanthropic footsteps of his parents, the late **Bob Herberger** and **Kax Herberger**, Gary, along with wife **Jeannie**, had a major impact on the cultural scene and countless charities in Arizona.

Today, **Jeanie** told with me that, "Gary was able to fulfill his life long dream with the creation of The Gary K Herberger Young Scholars Academy at ASU. It was **Michael Crow**, President of ASU, who made this possible through his belief in Gary's dream. My heart is filled with joy that this academy completed his life work."

Together Gary and Jeanne, donated over \$40 million to ASU. In fact, Gary's impact is reflected in AZ Governor Doug Ducey's tweet:



ASU President **Michael Crow** said, "Gary had an extraordinary intellect that was wide-ranging and effortlessly curious about how to design things better, how to make things better. He was totally committed to upgrading the intellectual capability of the community. His legacy here at



ASU and around the Valley will be felt for generations to come."

Gary, (pictured above with wife Jeannie), was head of Herberger Enterprises, a real estate development company. In addition to his wife Jeannie, Gary is survived by his brother Judd.

Steven Tepper is the dean for Herberger Institute of Design and Arts. He describes Gary as a patron saint of the college and also points out that his creative genius inspires students and faculty everyday.

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Gary, you will be truly missed.

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