

**Bill Carnell**  
**Architect – Philanthropist – Community Activist**  
**Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 12, 2012**

Bill was born in the Eloy Medical Center on Tuesday, February 23, 1960 at 11:59 PM. (The reason for the late hour was because Doc Holmes was on a winning streak at a poker game at the Lions Club and didn't want to leave until the last minute.

He attended the Eloy Head Start program at the Community Center, Curiel Primary School, Central School, Eloy Junior High School, and is a proud graduate of Santa Cruz Valley Union High School class of 1978. During high school, Bill was a technically oriented student, enrolling in welding, drafting, electronics, and auto shop classes in addition to the core curriculum.

He was a three year letterman in the SC Band. He worked at Skip's Exxon on Frontier Street and drove endlessly up and down Main Street at all hours of the day and night in his blue 1970 Ford Mustang rather than doing his homework.

Bill was active in scouting as a Cub Scout, Webelos Scout, and Boy Scout. He attended Central Arizona College before transferring to the University of Arizona. He graduated from the U of A in December of 1985 with a Bachelor's degree in biology with a major in chemistry and a split minor in Mathematics and physics.

In 1996 he went to work as a draftsman with James L. Merry and Associates, Architects, in what he thought would be a temporary position. He enjoyed the work so much that he stayed and over time was given greater and greater responsibilities for project development, coordination, and management. Within 7 years, he received his architectural registration, one of the few registered architects in the country that did so without the benefit of formal architectural training.

From that point, he was elevated to the position of partner in the firm and in 2005, was made President, a position that he holds today. Bill has worked on numerous unique design, planning, and construction projects throughout the range of professional practice. This has led him to be more of a general practitioner of Architecture as opposed to specializing in one sector of the practice. He has worked on projects ranging from small medical clinics to large medical office buildings, major league baseball training facilities for the Colorado Rockies, numerous scientific projects at the U of A, including the Steward Observatory Mirror Polishing Facility, The Animal Sciences Building an Agricultural Research Complex and Arena Facility.

He has also worked with several Native American tribes across the state in the design and construction of adult and juvenile detention facilities. He has worked on over \$200 million dollars' worth of school projects, including the nearly \$10 million additions and renovations to Santa Cruz Valley Union High School.

During his time back in Eloy, Bill was reminded what a great town Eloy was and still is. He is currently working with the Eloy Elementary School District on their bond project and with the City of Eloy on the development of several exciting projects to enhance the facilities for all the people of Eloy. He is an active member of the Eloy Lions Club, The Masonic Lodge, and is an active booster for worthy causes at SC. Last April, Bill accepted the responsibility to become the reunion chairman for the SC classes of 1950 through 1988. Bill is the founder and moderator of the Tales of Eloy on Facebook.

