

Richard (Dick) Ervin Myers
Santa Cruz Alumni – Community Volunteer
Inducted into the SC Hall of Fame October 12, 2012

Dick was born in Phoenix April 15, 1940, to Pete and Leta Myers. They moved to Eloy when he was four years old. Dick attended Eloy Elementary Schools and graduated from Santa Cruz in 1958.

As a Dust Devil, he earned varsity letters in basketball and track his junior and senior years and was football team manager for two years. He was the second SC athlete in the school's history to run a sub 5 minute mile (4:56). His senior year he was the high point man on the track team while competing in every track and field event but for discus and pole vault.

At the end of his senior year, he received recognition for four years of perfect attendance and a Quill and Scroll pin.

Dick embarked on a career with El Paso Natural Gas Company that started in 1966 and spanned 30 years. He started as a laborer and clerk while taking night classes in business and welding at Central Arizona College. He advanced quickly to maintenance and welding and ultimately, Superintendent of the Topock Mainline District. As Superintendent, he supervised all El Paso operations in northwestern Arizona. He retired in July1, 1996.

Dick has dedicated his life to volunteering, with thousands of unpaid hours to various civic, educational, sports, and service organizations. He served 12 years to the classes of 1950-1960 SCVUHS Reunion Committee. He was instrumental in having the Historic Toltec School designated the Santa Cruz Valley Historical Museum. He served as Board President and Project Manager for renovation of the building from 2004 to present. He served as chair of the first SC Hall of Fame Committee for 2009 and 2010. Under his leadership, the committee set up the initial criteria and by-laws of the selection process.

Dick was a member of the Eloy and Arizona City Volunteer Fire Departments, a Reserve Deputy for the Pinal County Sheriff's Office, Vice-Mayor for Arizona City Community Council, President of the Arizona City Chamber of Commerce, Site Steward of the Arizona Historical Preservation State Parks Office from 2003 to present, Vice President of the Sunland Visitor Center Board.

Dick is an Archery/Firearms Safety Instructor for the Arizona Game and Fish Hunter Educational Program, member of the Southwest Archaeology Team preserving Arizona Historical sites, Pinal County Master Gardner for the University of Arizona Co-operation Extension.

He won the Outstanding Service Award from the Sunland Visitor's Center for 2003, Good Citizen of the Year from the Eloy Chamber of Commerce for 2006, Volunteer of the Year for the Southwest Archaeology Team in 2009, Member of the Year for 200 and 2002 for the Central Arizona Bow Hunters Archery Club. Dick competed in the Grand Canyon State Games and the 1999 National Senior Olympics in archery. He won a 4th place national award in the James F. Lincoln Welding Society welding program in 1974 while a student at Central Arizona College.

He is married to Rosalind McKaughan and has three children: Karl, Kent, and Katherine. Dick and Rosalind have eight grandchildren and five great grand children.