

## Dr. Richard Gwinnett Vivian

On Thursday, April 14, 2022, in a virtuous state of mind, Gwinn was preceded in death by his wife Patricia “Pat” Mrytle, and sister Ruth. He is survived by his sister Ann; Patrice, great nieces Scout and husband Jesse; nephew and great great niece Jewels niece Brigitte, great great many cousins.



Dr. Richard Gwinnett Vivian, passed away at the age of 86. He is survived by his wife Patricia “Pat” Mrytle, and sister Ruth. He is survived by his nephew Jerry and wife Keely; niece Lorrie and husband Gordon, great niece Ashlynn and great nephew Connor; nephews Kyle and Dylan and

Professionally, Gwinn was a father, Richard Gordon archaeologist at Chaco Canyon up in Chaco, playing among and directing projects in M.A. at the University of New

University of Arizona. He spent his career at the Arizona State Museum, working in various capacities, including as researcher, Assistant Director, and then back to researcher. He also helped run the early Salvage Archaeology Program.

born into archaeology. His Vivian, was the first National Park. Gwinn grew the ruins and later working on Chaco. He got his B.A. and Mexico and his Ph.D. at the

Gwinn began his career at 7 years old by washing potsherds for his dad. By the time he was a teenager, he was conducting his own research projects at Chaco. He joined the staff at the Arizona State Museum and founded the contract archaeology (CRMS) program, conducting research projects throughout Arizona. With a joint appointment in the Dept. of Anthropology, he was instrumental in the education and professional development of many archaeologists who have worked in the Southwest and across the country.

Gwinn’s involvement with the Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and Archaeology Southwest allowed him to continue to conduct research and to make archaeology accessible to everyone, by leading field programs, tours and giving lectures.

Gwinn's most important contribution to all who knew him; he was an incredibly good friend, colleague, and a sincere human being. Gwinn was a gentle soul, who was always kind, honest, supportive, and generous with his time and energy. He respected all he met, whether an undergraduate student, a subordinate employee, a colleague, a friend, or someone new. Gwinn's legacy as an archaeologist will live on through his many site reports and publications on the Greater Southwest. His legacy as a human being will live on in the hearts and memories of all who knew him. May the four winds blow you safely home

Memorial/Celebration information.

April 30, 2022, at 10:00am

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