

From Shelley Rasmussen:

I met Lila in the early 1990's when we were doing an excavation at Troon Village. As Site Stewards, we began to monitor Site Steward sites with Trudy Mertens and Al Enouen. We would meet every Friday morning and spend the day checking sites, mostly in the Cave Creek area. Lila became the Regional Coordinator for the Agua Fria Region in 1995 and we hiked together for many years.

There was a group of us Site Stewards who spent a week on the Navajo Indian Reservation with an Indian guide, riding horses to see many petroglyph sites that were closed to the public. We camped out at night and fixed our meals on a campfire. During one of our daily rides, a black German Shepard dog started to follow us and he would spend the nights with us. When it was time to go home, Lila couldn't leave the dog on his own, so she took him home and named him Chuska. Chuska became part of our hiking group and when he saw Lila putting on her boots, he would get excited, knowing that we were going hiking. He spent the rest of his life with Lila and her family.

Lila was a dedicated Site Steward for many years and enjoyed training new site Stewards for her Region. We miss her a lot.

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