

This Giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) was planted by long-time Wilsonville resident and forestry expert Ernest Kolbe (1903 – 1978). The tree is located adjacent to his former homestead on the east side of Memorial Park. Mr. Kolbe experimented with pine trees creating hybrids and planted most of the non-native trees in this part of the Park creating a very unique arboretum setting.

Mr. Kolbe was a professional forester, served as District Forest Engineer of the Western Pine Association and later as the Director of Forestry Services for the Western Wood Products Association. After his “retirement” in 1968, he became Executive Director of the Western Forestry Center (now the World Forestry Center) in 1970, where he is credited with successfully establishing the Center as an objective educational force.

Height – 98’

Crown Spread – 56’

Diameter at Breast Height – 80”

Circumference – 21’ 4”

