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Speaker Morgan sends condolences to family of Chairman Carl Venne of the Crow Nation

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Lawrence T. Morgan, speaker of the 21st Navajo Nation Council, extends his condolences to the family of Carl Venne, chairman of the Crow Nation, on behalf of the Navajo Nation.

Carl Venne, a second term chairman for his tribe, died Feb. 15 by natural causes at age 62.

The Navajo Nation through the leadership of Speaker Morgan worked closely with Chairman Venne on various projects related to the Council of Large Land Base Tribes (CLLBT). Venne served as chairman of the organization, while Speaker Morgan served as vice chairman.

The CLLBT is "an organization of sovereign Indian tribes and nations formed to advocate for the needs of the tribal nations with large land base and population," according to the organization's website.

Speaker Morgan said, "It was with a great sense of loss when I was informed of the death of Carl Venne."

"Mr. Venne was more than just a wonderful person, he was our friend and colleague as we worked together to improve the lives of all Native Americans in protecting the sovereignty of Indian Nations," Speaker Morgan said. "He was always so kind and considerate to everyone, and we were always glad to see him."

"His passing will leave a huge void in the lives of all those who knew him and of those he impacted," Morgan added. "He was a great leader in Indian Country and he worked for the betterment of everyone – he will surely be missed."

Funeral arrangements are currently being organized and official notice will be provided soon via the tribe's website – www.crowtribe.com. Bullis Mortuary in Hardin, Mont., is handling the funeral arrangements.

Venne is survived by his wife Edwina and two daughters, Mallory and Zena. His son Carl Venne Jr. died in 2002.

Cedric Black Eagle, current vice chairman of the Crow Nation, will assume the duties of the chairmanship during this interim period until elections are held in the next 60-days.



Carl Venne, chairman of the Crow Nation, and Lawrence T. Morgan, speaker of the 21st Navajo Nation Council, pose for a picture during festivities of Crown Nation Days on Sept. 15, 2008, at Crow Agency, Mont. (Photo by Joshua Lavar Butler)