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24th Navajo Nation Council mourn the passing of Walter Wolf Jr.



PHOTO: Walter Wolf, Jr., long time attorney for the Navajo Tribe and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, passed away on Jan. 18, 2020.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Office of the Speaker and 24th Navajo Nation Council express condolences to the family and friends of Walter Wolf Jr., who passed Jan. 18. He was hired as an attorney for the Navajo Tribe in 1959 and continued his service as a member of the NTUA legal team for 61 years.

“The 24th Navajo Nation Council send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Walter Wolf Jr. He faithfully served the Navajo people in the public power industry since 1959, and spent decades of his life working with NTUA to positively transform the lives of Navajo families,” Speaker Damon said.

Walter Wolf Jr. began his employment with NTUA in 1959, after graduating from the University of Michigan Law School. At that time, the Navajo Nation was still developing its utility services and NTUA was a tribal department serving as a water operations branch.

Today, NTUA has more than 40,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers. It is the largest tribally-owned utility and boasts a workforce that is more than 90 percent Navajo. Walter Wolf Jr. was a visionary and proponent of improving the quality of life for Navajo people by providing electricity to homes across Navajo land.

“The Navajo Nation has lost a champion who dedicated his life to providing utility services to the Navajo people and advancing our nation forward through self-determination. We will continue to honor his memory on the Council floor,” Speaker Damon said.

In his career, Walter Wolf Jr. worked with five NTUA General managers. His knowledge and experience in the tribal utility authority was unparalleled, especially considering that he authored the plan of operation for the company. This document is still in use today and guides the functions of the tribal enterprise.

During his service as NTUA Legal Counsel, Walter Wolf Jr. worked with tribal, federal, and state governments, representing NTUA with all matters related to public power, including negotiations of power and transmission lines and agreements.

The 24th Navajo Nation Council will issue a letter of condolence and a Navajo Nation Flag to the family of Walter Wolf Jr. for his dedicated service to the Navajo people. “We honor the legacy that he has left for generations of Navajo families. Please keep the Wolf family in your prayers,” Speaker Damon said.

A memorial service will be hosted by the Wolf family at French Funeral Home at 7121 Wyoming Boulevard NE in Albuquerque, N.M. Jan. 23 at 3 p.m.

More information: www.navajonationcouncil.org.

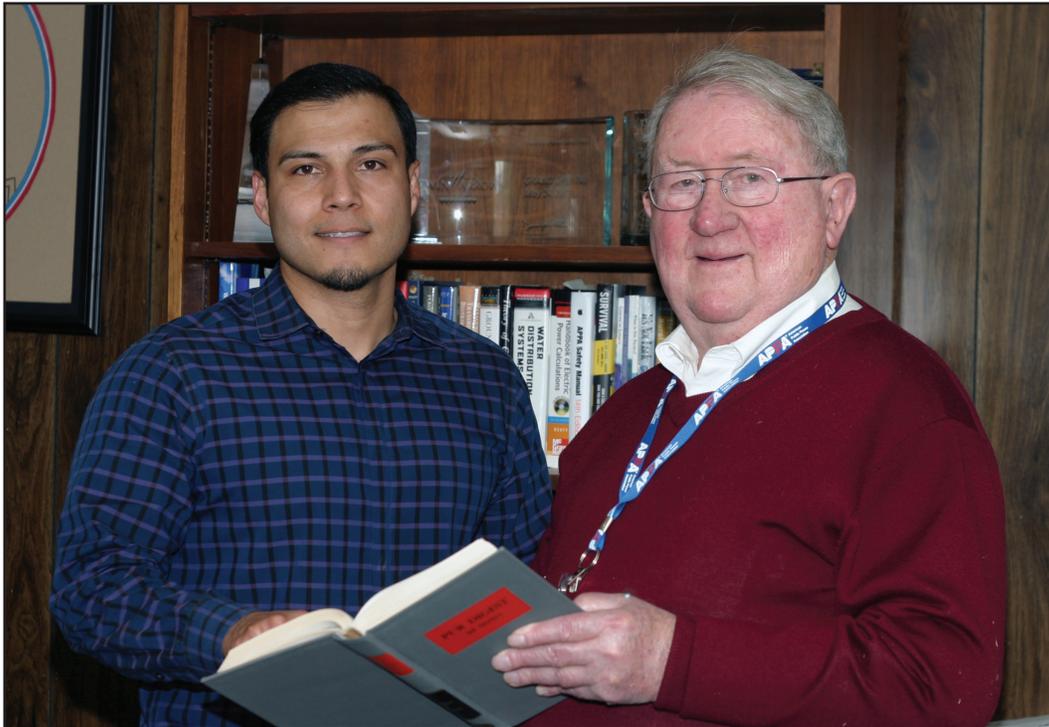


Photo: Walter Wolf, Jr. (right) with Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Legal Counsel Arash Moalemi (left). Walter Wolf, Jr. authored the plan of operation for NTUA and served as its attorney for many years.

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