



Navajo Nation Council mourns Harry Williams Sr.

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PHOTO: Harry Williams, Sr. served the Navajo Nation as an elected official and corrections officer for more than 40 years.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Members of the Navajo Nation Council offered condolences to the family and relatives of Harry Williams, Sr., who served as the Coalmine Canyon and Tónaneesdizí Chapter president, Council delegate and corrections officer for the Navajo Nation.

The Council was informed Williams was laid to rest Jan. 22 in Flagstaff with full military honors. Williams served in the United States Navy for four years as an Aviation Boatswain's Mate and retired a Third Class Petty Officer.

Council Delegate Wilson Stewart, Jr. and others remembered Williams for his service and observed a moment of silence on the floor of the Council.

After serving in the military, Williams began his career serving the Navajo Nation as a correctional officer for the Navajo Nation Police Department (NNPD) for 20 years.

Williams started his political career at Coalmine Chapter where he was first elected president and also served as the Coalmine rodeo organization president. His community involvement also extended to roles on the Tuba City Boarding School and Greyhills school boards.

During his 16 years on the Navajo Nation Council, Williams represented the communities of Coalmine Canyon and Tónaneesdizí and was a member of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

Williams leaves behind his daughter, Christina, and wife Lorraine of 45 years.

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