



Navajo Nation honors the life of former Councilman David Tom

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Speaker Seth Damon and the 24th Navajo Nation Council offer their condolences to the family of former Council Delegate David Tom of Beclabito, N.M.

The former council delegate served the communities of Cove, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Red Valley, Tsé'áłnáoozt'íí, Sheepsprings, Beclabito, Gad'ii'áhi/Tó Ko'í on the 21st and 22nd Navajo Nation Council from 2003 to 2014.

“Councilman Tom is a loving husband, father, and grandfather who served our communities for over twelve years on the Navajo Nation Council,” said Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty. “His leadership and years of public service is honored today. Councilman Tom will be remembered as a humbled man who loved his wife and family deeply.”

Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty was elected in 2015 and will present a Navajo Nation Flag to the Tom family to honor the late councilman's service to the Navajo people.

“The Navajo people send prayers of comfort and strength to the family of Honorable David Tom,” said Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh). “The Council Chambers will miss his voice that advocated loudly for our veterans and whose leadership uplifted the communities he represented in Northern Navajo. May those he cared for be blessed during this time of mourning.”

Honorable David Tom is Tó'aheedlíinii (The Water Flows Together Clan) and born for Bit'ahnii (Within His Cover Clan).

“Many of our community leaders will describe Delegate Tom as a good man who put our people first,” said Delegate Edmund Yazzie (Church Rock, Iyanbito, Mariano Lake, Pinedale, Smith Lake, Thoreau). “I had the honor of serving with him during the 88-member Navajo Nation Council and truly lived through a lot of changes within the Navajo Nation government. Delegate Tom was a champion for our veterans and always provided a helping hand for our elders. His leadership and advocacy will be deeply missed by those who knew him.”



PHOTO: Former Council Delegate David Tom of Beclabito, N.M.

A community gathering will be hosted at the Beclabito Chapter House on Tuesday, Nov. 9, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Memorial services will be on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. hosted at the Diné Christian Center in Shiprock, N.M. Honorable Delegate David Tom will be laid to rest at Beclabito community cemetery with a curbside luncheon to follow at the Beclabito Chapter House.

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