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Navajo Nation mourns the passing of former Council Delegate Kellywood Harvey, Sr.



File photo of Kellywood Harvey Sr.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The Navajo Nation is saddened by the loss of former Council Delegate Kellywood Harvey Sr., who passed on April 19 at the age of 76. He was originally from Round Rock, Ariz.

Harvey was Kintłichí'íinii (Red House People Clan) and born for Naakai'dine'é (Mexican People Clan). His maternal grandfather was Tótsohnii (Big Water People), and his paternal grandfather was Táchii'íinii (Red Running into the Water People).

Delegate Carl R. Slater added, "Shicheii, Mr. Harvey was a traditional man who exemplified the qualities of leadership we so desperately need today. All the residents of Kellywood-land, as we affectionately called our communities under his leadership, owe him a debt of gratitude for his ability to envision and see to fruition real community improvements from our people's everyday experiences and concerns, may his memory be a blessing."

A pillar of his community, Harvey leaves behind a legacy of service, dedication, and love for his people. He was a beloved person, known for his unwavering commitment to his community and his tireless efforts to uplift those around him. He was the cherished son of John C. Harvey and Bertha T. Harvey, who instilled in him the values of compassion, integrity, and resilience.

Harvey's impact on the Navajo Nation spanned decades, beginning in 1971 when he assumed the role of Treasurer/Secretary for the Round Rock Chapter. Throughout his tenure, he dedicated himself to serving the needs of his people, working tirelessly to improve infrastructure, foster economic development, and promote cultural preservation.

One of Harvey's most enduring legacies was his role in the construction of Route 13, a project that stands as a testament to his vision and dedication. Harvey not only brought improvements to transportation infrastructure, but also opened new opportunities for growth and prosperity within the Navajo Nation.

Beyond his professional achievements, Harvey was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and medicine man. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Harvey, with whom he raised a beautiful family of 13 children, who in turn blessed them with 49 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His siblings, Herbert C. Harvey Sr., Eugene C. Harvey, Harry C. Harvey, and Lorenzo C. Harvey, also mourn his loss.

In a heartfelt tribute, his daughter, Valencia A. Harvey reflected on his legacy, stating, "We loved our Shizhe'i very much! He loved his people. He always talked about his community, and his passion was always to give to the people. He left an amazing legacy and unforgettable memories."

"Former Delegate Harvey will be remembered not only for his professional accomplishments but also for the impact he had on the lives of those he touched. As the Navajo Nation mourns the loss of a beloved leader, we are reminded of his legacy that will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew him, serving as an inspiration for generations to come," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley.

Donations for his services can be made directly to Summit Funeral Home for Kellywood Harvey, Sr., or to Valencia Harvey's Zelle at Val3464@gmail.com.

Funeral services for Kellywood Harvey Sr will take place at the Lukachukai St. Isabel Mission Church on Friday, April 26, starting at 10:00 a.m. (MDT). A reception will be held at the Round Rock Chapter House following the burial services.

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