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25th Navajo Nation Council mourns the passing of former Council Delegate Bobbie B. Willetto Sr.



Photo of Bobbie B. Willetto Sr. provided by his family.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The 25th Navajo Nation Council expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of former Navajo Nation Council Delegate Bobbie B. Willetto Sr., who passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2025, according to his family.

Willetto was Kinyaa'aanii, born for Tódich'ii'nii. His maternal grandfathers were Tó'aheedlínii, and his paternal grandfathers were Naasht'ézhí.

A lifelong public servant, Willetto honorably served his country during the Korean War as a U.S. Army medic, earning the Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Bar, the Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Korean Service Medal with two bronze service stars.

He later dedicated his service to the Navajo Nation and his community. Willetto served on the Navajo Nation Council from 1983 to 1987, as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter for more than 20 years, and on the Tse'ii'ahi' and Crownpoint School Boards for over 32 years. He also served two terms on the Wingate School Board.

His career further included 32 years with the Indian Health Service, 18 years with the Navajo Nation Office of Environmental Health, and over eight years with the McKinley County Sheriff's Department.

Willeto is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for the late Bobbie B. Willeto Sr. will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Gallup, New Mexico, followed by burial at Sunset Memorial. The family will receive guests afterward at the Gallup Community Center.

The family kindly requests assistance in honoring Willeto's service to the Nation and to the United States, including a police escort through Gallup and military honors with a 21-gun salute.

For more information, please contact Dornell Willeto at (602) 390-4124.

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