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The 25th Navajo Nation Council mourns the passing of former Council Delegate George Herrera

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The 25th Navajo Nation Council is saddened to learn of the passing of former Navajo Nation Council Delegate George Herrera, who represented the Ojo Encino and Counselor Chapters from 1987 to 1991. Mr. Herrera passed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in Farmington, New Mexico, according to communication from his family. He was 83 years old.

"The Navajo Nation Council extends its deepest condolences to the family of former Delegate George Herrera. His contributions and sacrifices reflect the resilience and strength of our leaders who placed the future of the Navajo people above their own careers," said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. "We honor his service and his love for his community and our Navajo Nation."

Herrera was Tódích'íi'nii and born for Ta'neeszahnii. He is survived by his wife, Grace Herrera; his sons, Roscoe Herrera and Calvin Herrera; and his daughter, Georgia Herrera.



Photo provided by the Herrera family.

During his tenure as a Council Delegate, Mr. Herrera was recognized as a "49er," a designation connected to the McDonald Chairman controversy that reshaped the structure of the Navajo Nation government. Despite the personal cost to his political career, Herrera stood firm in his conviction. He was remembered for his courage, integrity, and dedication to service.

In addition to his Council service, Herrera also served briefly as a Navajo Nation Police Officer from 1964 to 1968.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of George Herrera during this time of mourning.

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