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25th Navajo Nation Council mourns the passing of former Council Delegate Kerry Smallcanyon

Window Rock, Ariz. – The 25th Navajo Nation Council extends its condolences to the family, friends, and community of the late former Council Delegate Kerry Smallcanyon, who passed on October 9 at the Winslow Campus of Care, according to correspondence from his family.

Born on February 27, 1954, Kerry Smallcanyon was Manygoats Clan, born for Salt Clan. His maternal grandfather was Bitterwater Clan, and his paternal grandfather was Zuni Edgewater Clan. He was the son of the late Warren Smallcanyon, Sr. and Faye G. Smallcanyon, and is survived by five sisters and six brothers.

Smallcanyon was a lifelong public servant who served as Chapter Secretary for Navajo Mountain Chapter, where he demonstrated his commitment to community organization and chapter governance. His leadership and knowledge led him to represent the people of Navajo Mountain and Inscription House Chapters as a two-term Council Delegate of the Navajo Nation Council.



Courtesy photo former Delegate Kelly Smallcanyon

Throughout his career, Smallcanyon also worked in several education and social service roles that directly benefited children and families. He worked with Navajo Nation Social Services in Kaibeto and also as a cook at both Shonto Boarding School and Navajo Mountain Boarding School, where his work supported the health and well-being of countless students.

Known for his humble service, steady leadership, and compassion for his community, Smallcanyon remained deeply connected to the people he represented. He was never married and had no children, but his legacy continues through the lives of those he served across the Western Navajo Agency.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley shared condolences on behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council stating, "We extend our deepest prayers to the family of former Delegate Kerry Smallcanyon. His years of service to Navajo Mountain, Inscription House, and the greater Navajo Nation reflected his commitment to community, culture, and the strength of our people. May his

family find comfort in knowing his leadership and dedication will be remembered and honored.”

Western Navajo Delegate Herman Daniels said, “Kerry Smallcanyon’s legacy will continue to inspire future leaders. He represented his communities with dignity and compassion. Mr. Smallcanyon never sought recognition, but his efforts ensured that Navajo Mountain and Inscription House were always included in discussions for progress and development.”

The 25th Navajo Nation Council honors the memory of Delegate Kerry Smallcanyon and his years of service to the Navajo people.

A graveside funeral service for the late Kerry Smallcanyon will be held on Wednesday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Navajo Mountain, AZ

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