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NAVAJO SANTA PROGRAM LOSES ONE OF ITS ORIGINAL SANTAS

Council delegate Kenneth Maryboy (Mexican Water/Aneth/Red Mesa) extends his deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the late Clarence Police from Bluff, Utah who passed away the morning of November 8, 2006.

Along with Maryboy, Police was one of the original Santa Claus with the long-running Navajo Santa program.

Police and Maryboy received national recognition for their work to provide needy families in Utah with a special Christmas every year, including from People magazine and from the National Caring Institute. They would dress in the familiar red suit and black boots, put on the beard and deliver greetings and gifts to the neediest families of the area.

“People came from all over to see him as Santa Claus,” Maryboy said.

It was especially difficult to lose such a giving person so close to the holiday season, but the work to provide a special Christmas will continue, Maryboy said.