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Speaker Morgan sends condolences to family of former Navajo Council Delegate Halona

Served Navajo people for more than 20 years in public service


Halona served on the Navajo Nation Council as the council delegate for the St. Michaels Chapter from 1991 to 1995 and he was on the Education Committee.

Halona’s clan was Ashiíhii (Salt Clan) born for Tó’áhaní (Near the Water People clan) and he was born in Tohatchi, N.M. on March 25, 1918. He lived in St. Michaels for most of his life.

He attended the Fort Wingate School and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He was honorably discharged November 1945. He served as Chapter President for the St. Michaels Chapter from May 21, 1967 to October 9, 1979, and was also Chapter Vice-President.

Halona worked at The Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co. (P&M) for 28 years as a dragline operator until his retirement in 1990.

He is survived by his wife of 50-years, Katherine, his daughters Gloria Ross, Karen Halona, Sharon Holland, sons Vernon Halona and Ronald Halona. He also has 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m., June 7, at Rollie Mortuary in Gallup, N.M.

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