



24th Navajo Nation Council honors life of former leader Jonas Mastach

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Navajo people join Speaker Seth Damon and the 24th Navajo Nation Council to offer their condolences and prayers to the family of Jonas Mastach, former Council Delegate and Chapter President for Red Lake Chapter #18 and Red Mesa Chapter. Mastach passed away on Monday in Fort Defiance, Ariz. at the age of 80.

“Honorable Jonas Mastach devoted his life to the Navajo people and worked to uplift many of his constituents as an elected official,” said Speaker Damon (Bááhaalí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Red Rock, Rock Springs, Tséyatoh). “We offer our sincerest condolences to his family and friends as we continue to pray for healing and peace.”

Former Delegate Jonas Mastach is Kin Łichii'nii born for Hashk'ąan Hadzohí, his maternal grandfather was Tł'ááshchí'í and his paternal grandfather was Tł'izí Łání. Mastach's hometown was Navajo, N.M. and is survived by his wife, and their children and grandchildren.

Mastach was a Council Delegate from 1972 to 1983 before becoming Chapter President at Red Mesa Chapter from 1984 to 1989. He was also a Chapter President at Red Lake Chapter #18 from 2001 to 2008 before retiring from NNTV5 as a Media Specialist. Mastach was also an active farm and school board member.

“On behalf of District 18, I offer our deepest condolences on the passing of our former leader Jonas Mastach,” said Council Delegate Wilson Stewart, Jr. (Fort Defiance, Crystal, Red Lake, Sawmill). “He was a leader who shared his strength and faith by advocating for the youth of our community. His teachings will be a mark of his legacy that will continue to inspire others.”

Jonas Mastach enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, as well as participating in Song and Dance activities with community members. In addition, Mastach was a beloved educator who practiced and upheld Diné traditional values.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 3, 2022 in Shiprock, N.M. Donations can be made via Zelle to Loberta Redhouse at (505) 567-1117.

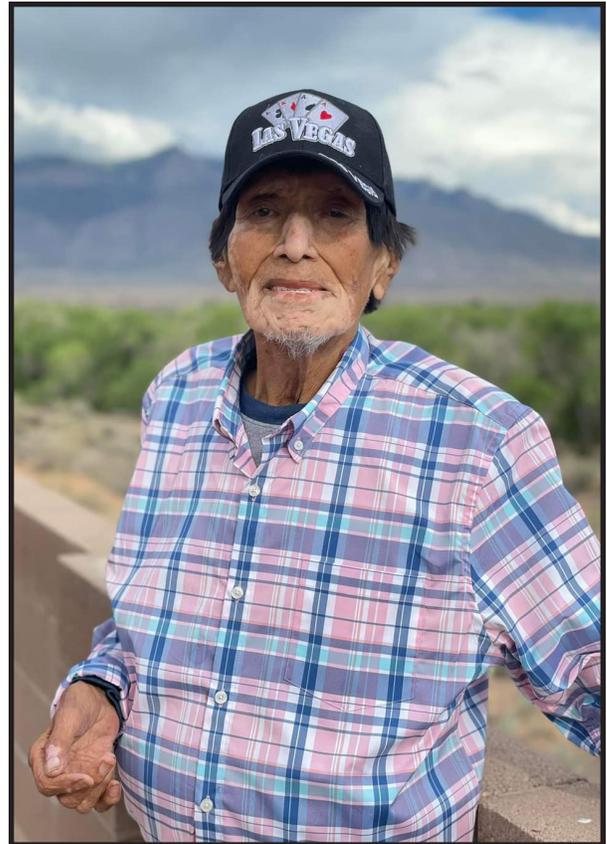


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