

Remembering Judge Marilou Begaye

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Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer offered condolences and prayers for the family of retired Navajo Nation Judge Marilou B. Begaye, who passed on Sept. 24 at the age of 74.

“In her 23 years of service to the Judicial Branch, Judge Begaye helped many families and served with great honor. We offer our prayers for her family, friends, and many others who are grieving the loss of a great person,” Nez said.

Begaye was appointed children’s court Judge by Chairman Peterson Zah and was confirmed for probationary appointment in 1985. She was permanently confirmed in 1989 and retired in 2008.

Begaye was known for her commitment to families and educating young people, which was reflected in her work. She helped many Navajo families working at DNA Legal Services before becoming a Navajo Nation Judge. After retiring, she was a substitute teacher at Eva B. Stokely Elementary School in Shiprock, N.M.

“By all accounts, Judge Begaye served our Navajo people with great integrity and honor. We join her family in paying tribute to all of her contributions and thanking our Creator for the life she lived. May God bless her family, friends, and colleagues,” Lizer concluded.