



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer offer their heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family of Thomas Atcitty, former president of the Navajo Nation and former longtime New Mexico state representative, who died of natural causes on Oct. 11, 2020, at the age of 86.

“To his wife Vicky, his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, we offer our prayers and condolences during this difficult time,” Nez said. “Honorable Thomas Atcitty leaves behind a great legacy and many long-lasting memories for his family, friends, and all Navajo people.

“We ask our Creator to bless his family with strength and comfort at this time,” Nez said.

Atcitty served as the vice president of the Navajo Nation from 1995 to 1998, and as president from February 1998 to July 1998. Prior to serving the Navajo Nation, he served seven terms as a member of the N.M. House of Representatives from 1980 to 1994. From 1972 to 1977, Atcitty served as the president of Navajo Community College, which later became Diné College.

“The passing of Honorable Thomas Atcitty is a great loss for our entire Nation,” Lizer said. “His contributions to our communities and our Nation will never be forgotten.

## **President Nez, Vice President Lizer offer condolences to the family of former Navajo Nation President Tho**

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“We will always cherish his leadership, compassion, and love for the Navajo people. During this difficult time, we pray for his wife, children, and many other loved ones,” he concluded.

Atcitty was born on Nov. 1, 1933 and was a lifelong resident of Shiprock, N.M. Prior to his public service, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps and graduated from Taylor University.

Thomas Atcitty is survived by his wife of 54-years, Vicky Atcitty, their three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His funeral service was held on Oct. 14 in Shiprock.