

President Nez, VP Lizer honor the life of Gold Star Mother Ada Holly

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WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ. – Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer offered their condolences June 28 to the loved ones of Gold Star Mother, Ada Holly, who passed away at the age of 93, in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by family and friends.

“Our hearts and prayers are with the family and friends of Ada Holly. Ada Holly was a tremendous supporter and advocate for all Navajo Veterans. She advocated at the local, state and federal level to help veterans and their family,” Nez said.

He went on to pray for Holly’s family and friends.

“She was a compassionate and determined leader and was a grandmother and mother to many. On behalf of the Navajo people, we pray for her loved ones and may God comfort you during this difficult time,” Nez said.

Holly was originally from Montezuma Creek, Utah and she is survived by her children and grandchildren. Her late son was U.S. Army Corporal David Howard Benallie, who served as an Army Intelligence Specialist in Vietnam from August 1969 to October 1969. In May of 2006, Ada Holly traveled to Washington D.C. to visit the Gold Star Mother Headquarter and made a commitment to help all veterans on the Navajo Nation.

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“Ada Holly was beloved by many, near and far. Throughout her life, she was devoted to supporting our veterans. We will be forever grateful and humbled by her contributions and service. She will be missed and we pray for strength for the family, friends, and community during this time,” Lizer said.

The funeral was on June 29 at the Holly Family Cemetery in Ratherford, UT. The family is accepting donations via Zelle at (801) 734-0165 or at kolenyaholly@gmail.com, and Venmo at (@Kolenya-Holly).

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