

Obituary

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Richard Gerald Foley, longtime educator and former head volleyball coach at Ganado High School in Ganado, Arizona, passed away peacefully at his home in Mesa, Arizona on Monday, December 17, 2018. His funeral will be at the Mother of Mankind Catholic Church located at the Franciscan Mission in St. Michaels, Arizona on Friday, December 28 at 10 am.

A rosary at 9:30 will precede the funeral and a reception will follow the funeral mass at the St. Michaels Parish Hall. The family invites everyone to attend this celebration to honor Coach.

Rich transformed his passion for sports and his talent for teaching by becoming an exceptional coach and mentor to many youth near and far. Coach positively affected the lives of many of his players and their extended families. His primary goal was always to assist his students and players in reaching their life goals by developing their potential into strengths which would last a lifetime. Long after his high school coaching years had passed, Rich maintained personal contact with countless players he had coached and mentored.

Rich is survived by his wife Michelle L. Yazzie of Mesa, Arizona; his brothers Greg Foley of Harrisburg, North Carolina and Michael Foley of Saratoga Springs, New York; his sister Patricia Foley Hill of Aquebogue, New York; and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. His final place of rest will be in New York.

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