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NTUA mourns passing of former general manager

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FORT DEFIANCE, Ariz. – The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority on Monday lowered the tribal utility’s flags for four days to honor Malcolm P. “Mickey” Dalton, who served as general manager for more than 34 years.

Dalton began his career at NTUA in 1964 and retired in 1998. He died Nov. 27. The Dalton family said his passing was peaceful and he was surrounded by family.

“For many years, Mr. Dalton expanded the mission of NTUA, honoring the primary purpose for establishment by tribal leaders in 1959,” NTUA General Manager Walter Haase stated in a news release. “He knew the multi-utility needs of the Navajo people and did what he could to bring those needs to fulfillment.”

Dalton already had set the course for progress when Haase arrived at NTUA in 2008. “Our job was to further the wonderful job that he initiated,” Haase said.

“In my conversations with him, he was always very proud of how NTUA has grown and would always commend the hard work of NTUA employees,” Haase said. “His strong leadership will remain a part of our legacy.”

NTUA Deputy General Manager Rex Kontz worked closely with Dalton for many years.

“He had a way of making

you feel comfortable around him like you’d been old friends. He extended his confidence in me as a young employee even before I had proven myself or earned it,” Kontz said. “He was always ready to give advice, guidance and direction in a down-to-earth and practical manner. I am forever grateful for all that he taught me, as I am sure many others are in NTUA, past and present.”

NTUA owes immense gratitude to Dalton, not only for his decades of selfless leadership service, but also because Dalton and his family released grazing rights to allow NTUA to build its headquarters complex in Fort Defiance, Haase said.

“NTUA always had a place in his heart, and we were able to build our new home – the NTUA headquarters building. This very kind, heartfelt decision will never be forgotten as we continue to do the important work on behalf of the Navajo people,” Haase added. “We send our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and those who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Dalton.”