

Proposition: 19-16/17

Title: A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Steven T. Leask

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Sponsor(s): Brown (A&S), Grant(IIQ), Michelle Lesbock (IIQ), Grijalva (ICT), Ormand (ICT), Oliver (Business)

Proposed Committee: We request this be heard as Emergency Legislation.

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals: N/A

Dr. Steven T. Leask, Manager of Academic Technology, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Nov. 1, 2016. He was 66 years old and left behind a wife, Elizabeth “Libby” Leask, two sons, Brandon and Jacob Leask, and a daughter, Michelle Risley.

Steve was a US Army veteran and served as a helicopter pilot in Korea, Vietnam, and Alaska as Chief Warrant Officer. He earned several military awards, including the Air Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. Steve was active in the American Indian community on campus and was a member of the Tsimshian tribe from Metlakatla, Alaska.

Steve graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology. He earned his Master's and Doctorate degree from New Mexico State University in Educational Administration in 2003. He worked for New Mexico State University since 1997, with his most recent position as manager of Academic Technology.

Steve was a down-to-earth person with a great sense of humor who took his commitment to the use of technology in education very seriously. He was highly respected on campus for his support of faculty and advocating for the use of technology as a way to expand access for all students.

Steve was an avid golfer, and after long work days, he spent his time sitting on the patio at home with his loving wife, Elizabeth “Libby” Leask, enjoying the sunset with a cold beverage in hand. Steve was a supporting, giving, and caring member of the NMSU community that helped make NMSU the caring community it is, and he will be missed very much by students, faculty, and staff at NMSU.

Academic Technology has set up the Steve Leask Memorial Technology Fund that will help provide needed technology resources to Native American and/or Military Veteran students at NMSU. Gifts in memory of Dr. Steven T. Leask can be made payable to the “NMSU Foundation Inc.” Please indicate on the check memo or correspondence that contributions should benefit the Steve Leask Memorial Technology Fund. Checks can be mailed to the NMSU Foundation, P.O.

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