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## Passing of former Mayor Donald E. Carroll

**Alamogordo, NM Thursday, December 20, 2018** Former Mayor, Donald Carroll passed away on Monday, December 17, 2018 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Carroll served as Mayor of the City of Alamogordo from 1985-1987 and also from 1996-2008.

During his term as Mayor, Carroll served on many boards including, but not limited to: Chairman, New Mexico Self Insurers' Fund; Chairman, Otero County Solid Waste Authority; Director, Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District; Director, Otero County Economic Development Council and Co-Chair, Holloman AFB Restoration Advisory Board. Mayor Richard Boss reflected on Carroll's passing, "Don was a true servant to our City, he gave me some great guidance when I first became Mayor. He will be missed by many of us. Rest in peace Don."

Mayor Carroll was a consummate supporter of our community, and he was awarded the "Citizen of the Year" Award for 2004 by the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. Preparing our community to deal with water issues was very important to Carroll, during his terms as Mayor, he helped to obtain funding for various water collection and delivery systems. The water conservation measures that began in the 90s, helped to drop our city's per capita use. And in 2005, the City of Alamogordo won an award for "Innovative Water Conservation." presented by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

*That's probably the thing that I'm proudest of, that we were able to stick it out and over time. We were able to get to where we are," said the mayor. "I truly believe the desalination (project) is the long-term water solution, not only for Alamogordo, but for this entire area."*

Today, we are still benefitting from his efforts, we continue to think proactively about water, and the opening of our new desalination facility is around the corner.

*As he says goodbye to more than two decades of service to the city, Carroll also voices his regard for the city employees with whom he has worked. He only regrets that more citizens don't appreciate their dedication. "If your house isn't on fire, or you don't need a policeman, you don't recognize that they're there and they're performing a function," he said. "When you turn your water tap on and water comes out, it's what you expect. You don't give a whole of thought as to 'How did that all happen?'"*

*"I've done it over the years because I want to give back to the community, and I feel that by serving I've made a difference," he said. "I feel comfortable that I've done what I could to improve the community over the years."*

(Wells, K. (2008, January 26). Carroll leaves city post after quarter of a century in office. Alamogordo Daily News, pp. A6.)

The Carroll family will greet friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2018, at Alamogordo Funeral Home. Rosary and Mass will be at 10:15 and 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 28, 2018, at St. Jude Parish. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Cemetery.

Thank you Don Carroll & family for your service to the City of Alamogordo.

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