

Leonard V. Garrow

USET President

1982 – 1985

Garrow was tribal chief of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe from 1977 to 1986, president of United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), and a member of the National Congress of American Indians.

During his tenure with USET, he received the USET Leadership Award in 1984 for outstanding service to his community. This honor recognized Garrow as one of the finest leaders in the country, and that his efforts on behalf of his community created a just and happy future for Indian people. He received an Outstanding Service award from USET in 1986 and in 1989. Garrow also received the USET's Award of Appreciation in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the organization.



Born in 1929, Garrow attended Mohawk schools and high schools in Bombay and Massena, New York. He was a member of the Hogansburg United Methodist Church. He married Marlene Terrance in 1955, and they raised three sons. Garrow served his country in the Army for nine years during the Korean War and was a member of the Andrew W. Cook American Legion Post 1479. For several years, he was an ironworker for local 440 and operated LBM Lumber.

Continuing the tradition of community service, his son Bryan served as a tribal chief, and his son Mark currently serves as a tribal chief with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe.