

MCALEXANDER—Richard M. McAlexander, 74, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2002 at Socorro General Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was born May 8, 1928 to Gerald E. and Vivian P. (Lombard) McAlexander in Holly, CO. Richard was a 34 member of the Masonic Lodge and a Past Worshipful Master of Pyramid Lodge #43 in Reno, NV. He was a member of the Kerak Shrine in Reno and belonged to the Santa Fe Scottish Rite. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias, Rio Grande #3 in Socorro and a member of the I.O.O.F. Richard served in the US Army as a corporal and was extremely patriotic to his country. He attended Lamar Jr. College in Colorado where he was a member of the Lamar Fire Department. He attended Western State College in Gunnison, CO. He worked as a firefighter in Socorro, NM and attended the New Mexico School of Mines where he received his B.S. degree in Geology on June 3, 1955. Richard worked as a State Geologist in Santa Fe and worked for the New Mexico State Highway Department as Assistant Project Engineer. He also worked in uranium mines in Grants, NM and Moab, UT. Richard was a mining engineer who later worked as a federal mine inspector with the Mine Safety and Health Administration in Reno for 23 years. Richard, best known to family and friends as "Mac", enjoyed science, history, working with iron, old tractors, steam driven locomotives, Celtic music, John Wayne movies and the faithful companionship of his cat, "Quigley McCorkendinkle" and dog, "Cagney". He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, William P. McAlexander; and an infant daughter and infant son. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Christina (Pino) McAlexander; and his daughter, Vivian McAlexander. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 9, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Socorro with Rev. Phil Preston officiating. Interment will be in the Socorro Cemetery. Pallbearers are Vernon Houston, Ray Spurgin, Floyd Turpin, Bill De Marco, Larry Radican and Sam Gonzales. Arrangements by Steadman-Hall Funeral Home, 309 Garfield, Socorro, NM.

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