



## Floyd LaVerne "Mac" McFarling

May 17, 1922 - June 19, 2014

Floyd LaVerne McFarling ("Mac") was born May 17, 1922, in Denver, Colorado, to Gertrude Mary Brown-McFarling and Pearlle Austin McFarling. He married Bonnie Mae Brown on March 21, 1943, in Denver. She was the love of his life and they enjoyed 71 years of marriage. They have six children, two daughters and four sons.

Floyd graduated from North High School in Denver in 1940 and completed a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1944 at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He was a member of ASME and was a Registered Professional Engineer. His early career included working for Lockheed Air Co. in Long Beach, California, and for Gates Rubber Co. and the Bureau of Reclamation in Colorado. In 1952 he moved his family to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and began his 31-year career at Sandia Laboratories, where he primarily worked on government aerospace contracts.

During World War II, Floyd served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After Basic Training he was selected to go to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, to instruct enlisted men in aerial photo topography. He received his honorable discharge from that location.

Floyd was a talented vocalist, singing baritone, bass, and sometimes second tenor. His love of the church and its music dominated his life. He was a bi-vocational Minister of Music for 47 years serving at Grace Baptist Church in Denver for five years and at Crestview Baptist Church in Albuquerque for 42 years. All six of Mac and Bonnie's children have also been music directors in

their own churches, and two currently serve in that capacity.

After Mac retired from his Music Minister position at Crestview, he and Bonnie joined Del Norte Baptist Church in Albuquerque. He was a faithful choir member at Del Norte right up to his death. He was also a member of the New Mexico Singing Churchmen for just short of 30 years.

Floyd was a deacon at all three of the churches and was a Senior Adult Sunday School teacher through 2013. He and Bonnie both worked in the church library at Del Norte for eight years. Floyd was an active member of Gideons International from 1969 until his death.

Floyd went home to meet his Lord and Saviour on June 19, 2014, in Albuquerque. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Richard Pearlie McFarling, Russell Amos McFarling, and Clarence LaMont McFarling; one sister Rosabelle Irene McFarling; a daughter-in-law, Julia Elizabeth McFarling; and two granddaughters, Meghan Teresa McFarling-Dougherty and Tamara Lyn Gallegos.

Floyd is survived by his loving wife Bonnie and all six children and their spouses: Karen A. Walmsley (Tom) of Edgewood, NM, Dr. Barbara L. Williams (Carl) of Comanche, TX, Russell W. McFarling (Mary) of Idaho Falls, ID, Dr. Harold K. McFarling (Dawn) of Farmington, NM, Rev. Dennis B. McFarling (Janet) of El Paso, TX, and Gerald A. McFarling (Leslie) of Greeley, CO. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 16 spouses; 20 great-grandchildren; and 15 nieces and nephews and their families.

Friends may visit Thursday June, 26, 2014 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at FRENCH-Wyoming. Services will be held Friday June 27, 2014 at 10:00 am at Del Norte Baptist Church, 5800 Montgomery Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM.

Interment will be at Sandia Memorial Gardens in Albuquerque.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to the Building fund of Del Norte Baptist Church, 5800 Montgomery Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87109 or to Gideons International at [Gideons.org](http://Gideons.org) and select "Gideons Cards".

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Grandchildren and Their Families, in order by the six McFarling siblings family groups:

- Andrew Walmsley of Lakewood, CO (Tami; son Justin Fields)
- Charles Walmsley of Lyndhurst, VA (Corrie; daughter Bonnie-Ann)
- Carl Mack Williams of Frisco, TX (Joy; daughters Reagan and Kelsie)
- Dr. Jeffrey Williams of Lafayette, LA (Maria; son Loch, daughter Fable)
- Michael Williams of Comanche, TX (Kimberly; son Matthew Martin)
- Rev. Jonathan McFarling of Bedford, TX
- Rebecca Robertson of South Ogden, UT (Shane; daughter Ellie)
- Tambre Martinez of San Antonio, TX (sons Zachary and Trae, daughter Emily)
- Matthew McFarling of Acworth, GA (Tierney; sons Gunner Phillips and Evan McFarling)
- Ryan McFarling of San Antonio, TX
- John Gallegos of Farmington, NM
- Teresa Gallegos-Wilkins of Farmington, NM (Joe; daughter Jadelyn, son Jayce)
- Sean McFarling of Bloomington, MN (wife Jill)
- Molly Alvarado of El Paso, TX (Anthony)
- Patrick McFarling of Greeley, CO
- Kevin McFarling of Greeley, CO (Miranda; son Gavyn)
- Robert McFarling of Greeley, CO (Kristen)
- Ryan Dougherty of Greeley, CO (Trina; sons Austin and Elijah)
- Daniel Banks of Denver, CO (Hillary)
- Holly Banks of Manhattan, KS

- Heather Lillie of Loveland, CO (husband Colin, son Griffin, daughter Ezri)

# Cemetery Details

## Sandia Memory Gardens

9500 San Pedro NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

WH

“ Sean/Jill and family our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We first met "Mac" (known as grandpa) approx. 7 yrs ago at his church he was a true leader. Thinking of you'all.  
The Ruthig-Wood, Haas family. :)

Wilma Haas - June 25, 2014 at 04:53 PM



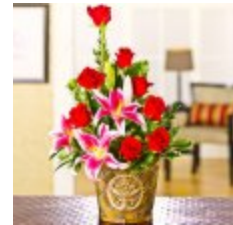
“ White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Floyd LaVerne "Mac" McFarling .



June 25, 2014 at 04:47 PM



“ Forever Shining Star was purchased for the family of Floyd LaVerne "Mac" McFarling .



June 24, 2014 at 03:52 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Floyd LaVerne "Mac" McFarling .



June 23, 2014 at 11:00 PM

TM

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Floyd but from hearing stories about his brother Clarence and family, I know him to be a great man. I am married to Lloyd's brothers grandson, Chad, and what I know of the McFarling men is that they are hard working, family loving individuals and I am proud my son, Luke will carry on the McFarling name.

*Until we meet - God Bless you and your family.*

*Tara McFarling*

*(grand-daughter-in-law to Clarence McFarling, Lloyd's brother)*

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**Tara McFarling** - June 23, 2014 at 01:40 PM

CF

“ Floyd was my uncle! I remember a tall good looking man that looked so much like my father. The one difference was their voices. My father could not carry a tune. However, he was so proud of his brother's wonderful voice. He told me several times how he enjoyed standing next to, his brother as they sang. He said that people around them always looked around to see who had the outstanding voice. My Dad would point to his brother and smile! We always lived far from each other but I knew my father loved his younger brother and was very proud of his many accomplishments.

*I know our Lord has welcomed him home! "Well done good and faithful servant!"*

*Love and prayers in your loss! Connie McFarling Friar*

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**Connie McFarling Friar** - June 22, 2014 at 09:24 PM

DK

“ Bonnie, Karen and family. Floyd was a wonderful man and it was our privilege to call him friend. Floyd was a man after God's own heart and loved his family. I can hear Floyd singing with the angels in heaven. Our prayers are with you for peace and comfort. Dan and Lois Kollars. Herrin IL

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**Dan Kollars** - June 22, 2014 at 03:17 PM

EM

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. Take comfort in knowing that our heavenly Creator well soon remove all pain, sorrow, and death forever! May this promise as recorded in Revelation 21 : 3,4 help you gain the strength and inner peace to cope with the days ahead. Philippians 4 : 13.

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**Emanuel** - June 21, 2014 at 04:43 PM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

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**Harold W. Hamilton** - June 21, 2014 at 04:35 PM