



Harold Thomas DeMar

August 19, 1924 - April 2, 2015

DeMar, Harold Thomas

Harold Thomas DeMar passed peacefully on 4-2-15 after living a long and fruitful life. Born in Des Moines Iowa on 8-19-1924, the seventh of eight children to Chester DeMar and Evelyn Maude Coty, his family moved to Minneapolis Minnesota during his high school years where he became an accomplished musician, earning first violin chair, as well as winning many talent contests with his fiddle playing, guitar playing, and yodeling abilities, eventually winning a trip to compete in Madison Square Garden, though unable to attend due to circumstances beyond his control.

These skills allowed him to appear regularly on local radio station programs with a goal of becoming a professional. However, at one such program, he would eventually meet Ethel E Jacobson, an accordion player, who would become his wife. They often played as a duet thereafter, and enjoyed playing in dance bands whenever they could.

He was drafted into the US Navy in 1942, and after discharge apprenticed as a tool-and-die maker, a career which he eventually mastered and which served him for the majority of his earning years. He was arithmetically and mechanically gifted, which enabled him work proficiently in a variety of fields enabling him to find work when others couldn't, which he used to his advantage to feed the thirteen children they would eventually have together. He often worked three jobs simultaneously, quietly and with selfless diligence. After many relocations with his family throughout the Western United States,

he settled in Albuquerque NM in 1960 and remained there for the duration of his life. He was a man of many interests, becoming an accomplished Luthier of some repute, building acoustic guitars, violins and mandolins, and dabbling with his inventions. His greatest talent was the gift of instruction, and after retirement began a second career as a machine shop Instructor at TVI, which gave both he and his students great satisfaction.

He was preceeded in transition by his wife Ethel; and one son, Thomas, but leaves many great grandchildren, many grandchildren, as well as children, Leon (Lois), Daniel (Candice), David (Mary), Roger (Kim), Alan (Trudy), Thomas-deceased (Lois), Joseph (Rose), Mary (Jim), John (Patsy), Carol, Mathew (Polly), Suzanne (Dave), and Barney (Anne). He passed peacefully in the afternoon of Holy Thursday after receiving the Last Rites, which seems altogether fitting for a person of such strong faith.

Services will be held Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at FRENCH-Westside, 9300 Golf Course Rd NW, with Reception to follow. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, 934 Menaul, NE at 2:00 p.m. Please visit our online guestbook for Harold at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

FRENCH - Westside

9300 Golf Course Rd NW

505-897-0300

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 345-3536
info@sunset-memorial.com
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

Tribute Wall

SU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Suzanne - April 16, 2015 at 06:44 PM

SU

“ 4 files added to the album Beautiful Flowers sent by Loving People



Suzanne - April 16, 2015 at 06:28 PM

SU

“ <http://www.abqjournal.com/207176/news/rio-rancho-news/vet-saw-pacific-met-wife-on-radio-show.html>

Suzanne - April 11, 2015 at 05:24 PM

SS

“ My condolences to your family! Your father was a very kind man, I enjoyed working with him. He holds a very dear place in my heart! Once we were sitting at the dining table at the Rio Grande, we began to discuss prayer. Harold asked who prays for me? I replied, "I do" he said really, well thank you! I will continue to keep his memory alive and his family in prayer! He was so humble, and as grateful as could be. I leained so much from him, and you men as his sons & the rest of the family, did a wonderful job taking care of him. Your family showed a wonderful example of a loving family. It was such a pleasure, to have worked with you all. God Bless you all!! Sheena Savorillo (Comfort Keepers)

Sheena Savorillo - April 09, 2015 at 10:32 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Harold Thomas DeMar.



April 09, 2015 at 06:23 AM

KP

“ Dear Roger and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. What a great man! We hope you find comfort in memories of his fabulous life here on earth.
Love, Karin & Doug Potoka

Karin Potoka - April 09, 2015 at 05:25 AM

WC

“ *Dave and Mary,
We're very sorry to hear of your loss. If there is anything we can do
to help, please let us know.
Walter and Vicky*

Walter St. Cyr - April 08, 2015 at 10:04 AM

LG

“ *Hi Leon,

I read about the passing of your wonderfully talented and kind
father. I'm sure his life was a great Christian example to one in all.
My condolences to you and your.*

*Sincerely,
Luther Garcia*

Luther Garcia - April 07, 2015 at 08:37 PM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Bessom purchased the White Sympath
y Floor Basket for the family of Harold Thomas
DeMar.*



Mary Ann Bessom - April 07, 2015 at 02:58 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased
for the family of Harold Thomas DeMar.*



April 07, 2015 at 01:52 PM

RA

“ To Dan and Family, and to all your relatives, our deepest sympathy. Love and prayers, Allen and Ruth Archambault

Ruth Archambault - April 07, 2015 at 11:34 AM

JM

“ John Mufich purchased the Sincerest Sorrow - Red and White for the family of Harold Thomas DeMar.



John Mufich - April 06, 2015 at 04:21 PM

AL

“ I regret we are unable to come to Harold's service. My sympathy goes to all my DeMar relatives. Harold was so talented in music and art and he was kind and loving, also a lot of fun to be around. I am thankful he married Ethel, my cousin, and became part of our family. A blessing for all of us. Andrea & Joel Long

Andrea Long - April 06, 2015 at 11:47 AM

JS

“ We only met Harold once in Dan's office, but he was so interesting! We know he was a wonderful person because Dan is such a wonderful person! Our condolences to the entire family, you were truly blessed. Richard and Jo Steadman

Jo Steadman - April 06, 2015 at 10:41 AM

TC

“What a full life Harold had ! I was so grateful to Harold and Ethel for welcoming me into their family when I moved to Albuquerque. It helped me feel very much at home when I was far from my own family in Minnesota (My Dad and Ethel were cousins). Harold was always so kind, gentle and supportive. I even got to play my string bass with them in family musical gatherings which was great fun. Harold and Ethel will always have a special place in my heart.

Tom Christensen

Tom Christensen - April 05, 2015 at 10:29 PM

SM

“1 file added to the album New Album Name



Suzanne De Mar-Pickens - April 05, 2015 at 07:36 PM

SM

He Dwells now in Heavenly Places with Our Savior

Suzanne De Mar-Pickens - April 05, 2015 at 07:41 PM

LL

To all my cousins, I send you my love and sympathy. I always admired the devotion Harold and Ethel had for each other and the fun they had raising their family. I never heard either Harold or Ethel say one harsh word to each other. I admired Harold and his many talents and what a wonderful person he was. He was a great role model as a husband, father, and grandfather.

I know you have many wonderful memories to hold onto.

Love,

Lana and George Loranger

Lana Loranger - April 06, 2015 at 11:17 AM

MF

good to hear from you Lana and George, thank you for the kind words. They both are surely missed. We all felt the spaces they have left behind and can see the joy also, in the many grandchildren smiling.

Mary Freerks - April 22, 2015 at 06:26 PM

MG

“*To the Demar Family: We enjoyed getting to know Harold over the past two years. He was a kind, gentle sort who was a special friend to my sister, Janie, where they both lived in The Rio Grande Retirement facility. His droll sense of humor and protective attitude toward Janie were much appreciated. I especially enjoyed writing a short biography with the help of Harold's son, Dan. It made me wish I had known Harold when he would play various instruments and yodel. God bless and keep you, Harold. Margaret and Ken Goodman*

Margaret and Ken Goodman - April 05, 2015 at 03:51 PM

GE

“*Our sympathy and condolences to the DeMar Family and Friends. I did not know him very well but do remember the beautiful jewelry he would make. I have several pieces which will remind me of him each time I wear them.*

*Glenn and Alice Ellingsberg
West Fargo, ND*

Glenn Ellingsberg - April 05, 2015 at 02:51 PM

DA

“ *I love you Mr. Harold! I know that you are in Heaven a perfect and handsome angel! It was such an honor and blessing to know you! Thank you for allowing me into your life and your family. I will miss you immensely! May you rest with the angels!*

*With Love,
Darlene*

Darlene - April 05, 2015 at 12:49 PM