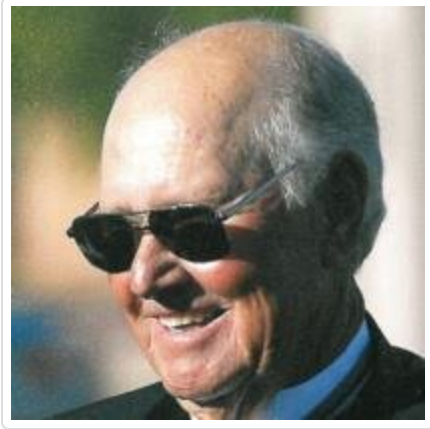




Richard Boyce Swallows

September 13, 1935 - July 17, 2014

Swallows, Richard B.

A lifelong resident of Albuquerque, passed away Thursday, July 17, 2014, surrounded by his heartbroken family. He was born September 13, 1935.

Richard was preceded in death by father, Albert T. Swallows; mother, Greta L. Boyd; and brother, Donald Swallows. He is survived by his wife and partner of 56 years, Sharon; children, Mark, Craig and wife, Naomi, and daughter, Amy Babenco; grandchildren, Mariah, Isaac, Ava, Delaney, and Lily; brother, Dan Swallows; sister, Nora Swallows; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He leaves behind many lifelong friends and many horse racing friends. Richard was an Army veteran. He worked for the City of Albuquerque in the Refuse Department and retired from the Water Department in 1983, where he was the Customer Service Manager. Richard was the founder and first president of the New Mexico Supervisors Association. At retirement, he fulfilled his lifelong passion of breeding, training, and racing his beloved horses. He had much success in the 70's, 80's and early 90's producing multiple state champions. He was a member of NMSA, the New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association, the New Mexico Horsemen's Association and the AQHA. Richard was outspoken, generous, fair, and a man of integrity. Dad, you fought the good fight. You are our hero. We will love you and miss you forever. Your grandchildren will miss their papa. The family would like to thank Anna Kaseman Presbyterian Hospice for their compassionate and gentle care of Richard, especially Dr. Vining; nurses, Jan, Jackie, Marcy, Ann, and Nancy;

and techs, Cynthia, Daisey, Lindsay, and Laurie. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, July 28, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at FRENCH – University. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Walkin N Circles Ranch Inc., Four Corners Equine Rescue, any horse rescue group of your choice, or you may give blood in his name. Please visit our online guestbook for Richard at www.FrenchFunerals.com

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **28**. 3:00 PM (MT)

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“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Boyce Swallows*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - July 30, 2014 at 10:55 AM

SE

“ *Sharon, my dear friend:
Our hearts are heavy for your loss. I just don't want to believe it. I always had the highest regard for Richard. He was a good and decent man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your precious family.*

*We love you,
Shirley and Tony Espinosa*

Shirley Espinosa - July 28, 2014 at 12:31 PM

LB

*Dear Grandma,
I'm sorry for papa's pass. I miss him so much! I think about him every day and sometimes it even makes me cry. But when the first star comes out I think that's him because he will always be there and always be there first. :)*

Lily Babenco - June 08, 2015 at 10:56 PM

MK

“ Sorry for your loss. Richard was one of the best bosses I ever had. He was a very honest and fair man who made coming to work enjoyable. He will be truly missed. His love for his family and horses will be remembered forever.

Marj Kiehlbauch

Marj Kiehlbauch - July 27, 2014 at 08:20 AM

MO

“ To the Swallows Family

So sorry for your loss. It sounds like there was so much to celebrate in Richard's life. People he touched and memories he made. My thoughts are with you.

Sending much love your way

Meghann O'Leary

Meghann O'Leary - July 24, 2014 at 05:52 PM

AC

“ Richard will be remembered as a wonderful and honest man, great leader at the City, good friend, and the best horseman ever. We so much enjoyed those exciting quarter horse races with The Good Ship, Glory's Magic Miss, Glory Be Grey, and Magic's Imp. Richard raised and trained the best stake horses in the business!

Our very sincere condolences to the Swallows family.

Love from the Crandall's - Doug, Ann, Mark, Gayl, Kate and Joel

Ann Crandall - July 24, 2014 at 04:58 PM

LB

“ To the Swallows Family sorry for your loss. It has been a while since I had a visit with Richard I guess we were at his father funeral . As we get older our world get smaller by the day. I do remember his stud Grey Ship and what a champion he was. first saw him at Casey's place, then at he trace when I work for Bronson. My prayer go out to all the Swallows . Sincerely your cousin Larry C Burnett

Larry C. Burnett - July 24, 2014 at 04:00 PM

AN

“ I didn't know Richard very well or for very long, I do remember Richard when he would meet his buddies at El Charrito's for breakfast. I had the pleasure of meeting Richard, and sit next to him on one occasion, he hummed through out the meal, a very soothing hum.....eating and talking and humming. Richard, you will be missed. My love and prayers to his family.
Agnes Naranjo

Agnes Naranjo - July 23, 2014 at 12:46 PM

JJ

“ I will miss you old buddy but still have great memories of our early wayward years. Life has been good.
Jim Jaramllo

Jim Jaramillo - July 23, 2014 at 10:13 AM

BD

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

Buck Dyck - July 22, 2014 at 12:54 PM