



## Thomas Maloney

January 24, 1920 - September 4, 2012

MALONEY, THOMAS W. JR. Age 92, beloved father and husband, died at his home on September 4, 2012. He proudly served in the U.S. Marines during WWII as a Radio Operator from August 4, 1941 to April 1945 in many battles at Guam and in the Pacific Islands. While in the Marines, he earned many awards and was honored to receive a Commendation medal from Gen. T. E. Watson, USMC for service in combat. From a very early age, he found the joy of music, excelling as a musician throughout his life. He played the accordion professionally from the young age of 13, working at traveling Medicine Shows and Minstrel shows throughout Illinois and the mid-west. After his service in the Marines, he attended Wayne State University, earning a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree in secondary education. He taught math and science for many years. In 1969, Thomas pursued his dream by opening a music studio in Albuquerque where he taught music lessons, managed the 66 Trailer Lodge, and played his accordion professionally with several bands, including the "Tom Maloney Band" for the Palo Duro Senior Center for over ten years. He also earned his Extra Class Amateur Radio license, call sign WA5MBD. His love for music, trains, and traveling was only exceeded by his love for his wife, Leona. Thomas was preceded in death by his son, Thomas W. Maloney, III. He is survived by his wife, Leona, daughters: Judith Miller (Jay) of Albuquerque, and Debra Reynolds (Mark), grandchildren: Jason Miller, Jeremy Miller, Paul Reynolds, Jenna Reynolds, and William Maloney: and one great-grandchild, Levi Miller. The family wishes to thank the staff at

Presbyterian Hospice, especially Nurse Dawn and Gene Garcia; and, his wonderful caregiver, Olivia. We will all miss his sense of humor and love of life. A Graveside service will be Friday, September 7, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, 924 Menaul Blvd NE. Please visit our online guestbook for Thomas at [www.RememberTheirStory.com](http://www.RememberTheirStory.com). FRENCH10500  
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# Tribute Wall

RK

“ Tom was a very caring stepfather and grandfather to Leona's family. We will miss him but have a lot of great memories and pictures. He was a King to Lee and took very good care of her. I will always remember his jokes and stories he liked to tell.

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**Rob, Denise, Stephen Kennedy** - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ I was so sorry to hear of Tom's death. He was such a good loving man, husband and father. I remember he was quite the story teller, jokester and loved his music. I hope you accept my condolences and please know I will put you all in my prayers. God Bless You all....Lisa

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**Lisa Kennedy Eads** - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Aunt Lee & Family, We were so sad to hear about Uncle Tom's passing. I will always have the greatest memories of Uncle Tom playing the organ/piano and us dancing the night away! I remember him giving me an accordion and hoping that I would learn how to play it, but I could never get the hang of it :) I am so glad that we got to see you and Uncle Tom in July when we were in Albuquerque. Uncle Tom will be greatly missed! We love you! J.R., Carrie, Lola & Wyatt Frink

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**J.R., Carrie, Lola & Wyatt Frink** - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Dearest Aunt Lee & Family, We were so saddened to learn of the death of Uncle Tom. He was quite the musician and jokester. He always had a joke to share at every family gathering....and then there was the story of the beets! Even more he was a very talented and gifted musician. He would play the piano, organ, and accordion any chance he got. The kids would dance and sing as he played. Grma Cady and Mom always wanted the Beer Barrel Polka. Thank you for sharing Uncle Tom with us. He'll always be a part of our life. All our love, Gary & Beckey Wolfe

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**Gary & Beckey Wolfe** - September 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

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**Richard Stewart** - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM