

# The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of New Mexico



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To the Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico,

It is with great sadness to that I announce the passing of Most Worshipful Brother David Lance Baker, Past Grand Master 2009.

Brother David went to be with our Lord on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at his home with his wife Barbara, by his side.

Masonic services will be held Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Bethlehem Lodge No. 56 in Belen, New Mexico with MWB Jefferson Jordan officiating. Please come and celebrate the life of our Brother as he travels upon the Level of Time, to that undiscovered country, from who's born, no Traveler returns.

Time to be announced.



MWB David Lance Baker was born in Washington DC on September 13, 1944. He began his Masonic journey in 1958 when he joined DeMolay Chapter 834 in Patterson, NJ and was awarded the Legion of Honor in 2007 in Santa Fe, NM. MWB David served in the U.S. Air Force and was Honorably discharged in 1962 with the rank of Sergeant. He married his high school sweetheart, Barbara in 1968. "The best decision I ever made" to quote him.

MWB David was initiated in January of 1969, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft in March of 1969, and Raised to the Sublime Degree o Master Mason on April 9, 1969, in Hawthorne Lodge No. 212 in Hawthorne, NJ. He was serving as Junior Warden when they moved to New Mexico in 1979. At Barbara's urging he joined Bethlehem, Lodge No. 56 in 1990 and served his first term as Worshipful Master in 1995. After serving several appointments in the Grand Lodge he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon by MWB Joe O. Chrisman in 2004 and served as Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico in 2009.

In Honor of our kind and gentle Brother, all Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico will drape their Charter for a period of one month at their next regular communication.

Given under my signature, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

MWB Thomas L. Schenk / Grand Master

