

Richard A. McGennis, 76

Richard A. McGennis, 76, of Bloomfield, N.M., passed away Sunday, July 10, 2005, at San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington, N.M. He was born March 2, 1929, to Frank and Hazel McGennis in Lyndon, Vt. He had five sisters and one brother, all deceased. He graduated from Lyndon Institute in Lyndon Center in 1948. On Dec. 24, 1949, he married Marjorie Austin. A son, Armond, was born to them in 1950. Marjorie passed away in 1977. Richard was mainly a truck driver until he became employed at the Fairbanks Morse Scale Manufacturing Co. in 1954. He worked there for 27 1/2 years, lastly as an inspector in quality control. He took an early retirement in 1981. On July 8, 1978, he became one of Jehovah's Witnesses and married Rena Gilman on July 28, 1978. Both were active in the Christian ministry and traveled to Mississippi and Indiana to work in unassigned territory and then moved to New Mexico. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1994, and slowly decreased his work in the Christian ministry. After being in nursing homes for 2 1/2 years, he died at the San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington. He is survived by his wife, Rena; his son Armond; grandson Christopher and his wife Angela; great-granddaughter Kayla Nicole; eight stepchildren, Pierre and Deborah Demers of Bloomfield, N.M., David Gilman of Twin Falls, Idaho, Delmer and Myalin Gilman of Soda Springs, Idaho, Donald and Linda Gilman, Dale and Pam Gilman of Lyndon Center, Douglas Gilman and Duane and JoAnne Gilman of Lyndonville; plus nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held today, Aug. 6, at 2 p.m. at Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall in Lyndonville, followed by a graveside service at 3 p.m., at the Lyndon Center Cemetery. At the family's request this notice appears again today.