Russell Brinker, P.E. & L.S. - May 1986 Initiate

ACAGE Distinguished Member

BSCE Lafayette College 1929
(Barge Math prize 1927,
 Citation of Merit 1966) and
Scholarship in his honor in
2000’s.

MSCE 1933, C.E. 1939, Univ. of
Minnesota (plus additional
credits).

Location: Sun City, AZ,
Deceased January 29, 1999

No family – both wives (Ruth &
Mildred) are deceased

Russell married his first wife Ruth M. Thomas on June 20, 1933. He composed “Lovin”,
“Neath a Bright Hawaiian Moon”, “Philippine Guerrilla”, and a football song used by
Easton (Pa) High School. He was an inspector on construction lock and Dam 7,
Mississippi River US Engineering 1934. Was a part-time instructor in Civil
Engineering, and Research Fellow of University of Minnesota in 1932-1933. He worked
his way up from Lieutenant (junior grade), Lieutenant, Lieutenant-Commander, then
Commander in Civil Engineering Corps USNR and was in USA, Philippines, Okinawa,
Hawaii, during WWII from 1941-1945. Russ was Theta Xi, ASCE, Barge math
president, and vice president of Tau Beta Pi at Lafayette College.

Russell Brinker came to New Mexico State in 1960 from UTEP. He replaced Frank
Bromilow as Head of Civil Engineering when Frank became Dean of the College of
Engineering in 1961. Prof. Brinker remained Head of Civil Engineering until 1966. His
major duties at NMSU were surveying when he became known as “Mr. Surveyor”. He
was editor of the 5th and 6th edition of “Elementary Surveying”, and served as Editor-
in-Chief of the “Civil Engineers Series” by Intext Publishers through 1975. Prof. Brinker
was a registered professional engineer and hard surveyor in many states, and retired
as a in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Russ married Mildred later in life.
Russ Brinker, Dean Morgan, Ernest Carrasco

Dear Jesse V. Lunsford & Conrad G. Keyes, Jr:

I hoped to come down to see NMSU to see former students and fellow faculty. But I am in the 5th year of Alzheimers and could take that, but I gave up my car and the only bus stops in Peoria at 1 AM.

My last book - The Surveying Handbook - 4 months ago was taken over by Chapman & Hall and has not distributed to any schools. I think they have now awakened a bit.

Aloha to You All,

Russ

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