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DOWNEY, Harold John  
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p. B8 **Harold John Downey**  
78, of Tucson, Arizona, died July 22, 2007. He was born to John Bell Downey and Laura Lowell Downey in Skowhegan, Maine in 1929. His father was resident engineer on water and power projects in New England. Harold attended Wiscasset Academy in Maine but graduated from high school in Ware, Massachusetts. He went on to become a gunsmith in Trinidad, Colorado under P.O. Ackley. He served in the Army during the Korean War, stationed in Japan, and in 1960 completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Geological Engineering at the University of Arizona. Known to friends and colleagues as either Harry or Hal, his career as an exploration geologist included jobs with Bear Creek Mining, J.S. Cummings Inc, and others; he worked primarily in the Southwest and in Maine. He promoted several properties through his own companies and partnerships, which included D&G Mining, Appalachian Resources, and H.J. Downey Inc. Harold was predeceased by his parents and by a sister, Helen Boudin. He leaves his wife, Martha Lynch Downey; his children, Laura Downey Staneff (Steve) of Golden, Colorado, and John Downey (Jean Hudson) of Corona, New Mexico; grandson, Thomas Zebulon Staneff of Golden, Colorado and sister, Mary Elliott of Gwynedd, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (1250 Fourth St., Santa Monica CA 90401) or to the Wiscasset Academy Alumni Association (c/o Sara Beatty, 16 Willow Ln, Wiscasset, ME 04578).