



## Frank Hilton Grubbs

June 12, 1922 - October 24, 2014

Frank H. Grubbs passed away on October 24, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Julia Anne (Judy), and is survived by his son, Geoffrey Hilton and wife, Christina, of Washington, D.C. and grandchildren Alison and Mark; daughter, Zoe Anne of Ham Lake, MN and grandchildren Tamara, Emily, and Katie, and great-grandsons Liam, Chase, great-granddaughter Felicia and great-great-granddaughter Klarissa; son Kevin Eugene and wife, Matilda, of Anchorage, AK, and grandchildren Samantha and Frank. Frank was born in Albuquerque on June 12, 1922, graduated from Albuquerque High in 1939, and the Western School for Private Secretaries in 1941. He was employed in the War Plans Division of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D.C. until the outbreak of WWII when he enlisted in the Signal Corps and was commissioned in 1942. Landing in Normandy on Omaha Beach 1944, he served in the 3104th Signal Service Battalion in the European Theater until the end of hostilities. Upon return home, he was employed by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company. He attended the University of New Mexico where he was active in the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity, serving as chapter president and later as District President. In 1950 he received a BBA degree and an MBA from what is now the Anderson School of Management. In 1950 he married Julia Ann Rodgers and was employed by Sandia Corporation in the Accounting Department and later in the Business Methods Department. In 1955 he was appointed Manager of the Electronic Data Processing Department where he directed the installation and operation of the

first large scale business computer in the western United States. In 1963, Frank resigned from Sandia Corporation to attend Seabury Western Theological Seminary where in 1966 he was awarded a M.Div. degree. Ordained Deacon in June 1966 at St. John's Cathedral, he served as Curate at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Midland, TX and was ordained to the Priesthood on December 23, 1966. In 1968 he accepted election as Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in El Paso, TX. He served on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Rio Grande for eight years and was twice elected Deputy to General Convention. He was active in local affairs in El Paso, a member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, a director of the Arthritis Foundation and Heart Association, and established a runaway shelter for homeless youth. He also founded the Police Chaplain Program in El Paso. He retired in 1984, became a stockbroker, and was a Registered Investment Advisor until moving back to Albuquerque in 1993. After his service in WWII, Frank joined the New Mexico National Guard and was State Signal Officer on the staff of the Adjutant General for a number of years before transferring into the Army Reserve Corps where he was assigned to the Selective Service System. Serving a number of active duty tours at the National Headquarters of the System in Washington, he organized the conversion of the National Selective Service System to computer operation. Promoted to Colonel, he was named Commanding Officer of the El Paso Reserve Unit. He retired in 1982 after 41 years of service. In 2009 he resigned his Orders in the Episcopal Church and was confirmed in the Catholic Church. Family and Friends may visit Friday, October, 31, 2014, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at FRENCH - University, 1111 University Blvd NE. Service will be Saturday, November 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas, 1502 Sara Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution may be made in Franks honor to St. Thomas Aquinas, 1502 Sara Rd SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

924 Menaul Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
(505) 345-3536  
info@sunset-memorial.com  
<https://www.sunset-memorial.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (University )  
1111 University Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 843-6333  
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **1**. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
1502 Sara Rd. SE  
Rio Rancho, NM

# Tribute Wall



“ I learned today (Veterans Day 2014) that Frank H Grubbs had passed away on October 24. To the family, I'm saddened for your loss.

*About 15 years, I began to research my father's WWII history and found Frank's website about the 3104th. Frank and my father served in the same battalion but in different company units. We emailed each other and spoke on the phone about the collection of photos and writings my father had of his time in the service. Frank was thrilled to talk with me and invited me to send some of the material to him. He posted it on his website.*

*While I was posting something today to honor my father on Facebook, I paused to check some details about his stay in Paris. I searched for Frank's website on Google which is now offline and found his obituary instead.*

*I was honored to know Frank through our mutual interest in the 3104th. Again, my condolences.*

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**David Cicotello** - November 11, 2014 at 12:56 PM

JT

“ Frank's website on the 3104th Signal Service Battalion helped me understand my Father's war. His dedication to preserving History not just his own but of other members of the unit is commendable. I will miss my conversations with this humble, candid, and witty signalman and so much more.

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**James Foradas - son of a 3104th troop** - November 10, 2014 at 07:52 AM

AC

“ Frank was a good friend of mine, I would visit him every time I passed through Albuquerque while I was on my way visiting my folks up north. He was a very true and caring friend. He would help me out, when I was going through hardships, when I experienced a loss, and when my mother was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. I would call him everyday at 9pm or sometimes call him in the morning just to check up on him. Every evening he would take his friend Al out to dinner, and sometimes he would go to Al's house and have some Pot Pies. Frank hated Pot Pies LOL. I bet once Frank went to heaven, Al was probably waiting for him with an invitation to have a Pot Pie at his place in the clouds. LOL. Seriously, Frank was a good man, and he really helped me out tremendously. The last few months I was unable to get a hold of him, due to his strokes and illness, I am grateful that Geoff was able to get a hold of me. Thank You

Anthony C. Medina  
Las Cruces, NM

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Anthony C.Medina - October 30, 2014 at 09:03 PM

YK

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Frank's family. He has been an incredibly dear and supportive friend for more than a decade. I will truly miss his friendship and his endless encouragement and ceaseless prayers. May God comfort you all now and in the coming days.

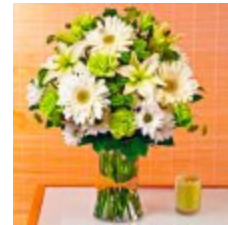
Sincerely,  
Yervant Kutchukian  
Castleton, NY

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Yervant Kutchukian - October 30, 2014 at 07:38 PM

ME

“*Margie Potter and Bill Elizondo purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Frank Hilton Grubbs.*



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**Margie Potter and Bill Elizondo** - October 30, 2014 at 10:19 AM

RD

“*We had the wonderful blessing of being able to know and care for Frank these past few months. Frank immediately touched all our hearts and became such an important part of our lives. We miss him tremendously.  
Rhonda and Tom Dimperio and all his loving staff and friends at Stardust Place*

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**Rhonda Dimperio** - October 30, 2014 at 09:12 AM

AC

“*Mr. Grubbs was such a wonderful friend to our father, Jack Wesbrook. Their times at Sandia and in the Army Reserves were so special to him. I am sure he was at the gates of heaven to greet your dad when he arrived and they are solving computer glitches even now! God bless you all. The Wesbrook kids, Joe Wesbrook and Ann Chaffee*

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**Ann Chaffee** - October 28, 2014 at 07:46 AM

TP

*How fortunate for me to be acquainted with Frank for over 68 years. Frank was truly a "Man for All Seasons", based on his successful involvement with the clergy,, the military, business and public service. I am thankful for knowing such a wonderful person. Ted H. Pate, Cypress, Texas,*

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**Ted H. Pate** - October 28, 2014 at 11:36 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Frank Hilton Grubbs.*



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October 27, 2014 at 07:20 PM



“ *From the moment I met Frank 9 years ago, when he was re-starting his square dance life, I knew he was such a special person. Rest in peace, Frank*

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**Bill Eyley** - October 27, 2014 at 06:57 PM



“ *I will miss Frank. He was a wonderful man. Spending time with him made me feel like I was spending time with the dad that I never had. I had a dad but he didn't understand me like Frank did. Very sad for me but happy for him -he had a great life.*

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**Georgian** - October 27, 2014 at 05:41 PM



“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Kirbye Davis** - October 25, 2014 at 02:14 PM