



## Jerry Tuttle

December 5, 2014

Age 88, of Albuquerque, died Friday, December 5, 2014. Dr. Tuttle was born in Long Beach, CA, on September 5, 1926, to Preston Lyons Wilson and Dorothy Tuttle. As a boy, he moved with his mother to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he graduated from West High School. Thereafter, he enlisted in the United States Navy, then the US Naval Reserve, and served during both World War II and the Korean conflict, primarily aboard the aircraft carrier CV-18 Wasp and destroyer DDE-447 Jenkins. He earned an impressive array of commendations, including the Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal. Between wars, he enrolled at the University of Utah, where he received his baccalaureate degree in Geography in 1950, and then Northwestern University, where he finished his masters in 1951. Following his discharge from military service, he earned his doctorate in Geography at the University of Nebraska in 1958. In 1960, he was selected by the Ford Foundation to serve as representative to the Quadrennial International Geographical Conference in Stockholm, Sweden. Dr. Tuttle committed his career to community service, beginning as an instructor of Geography at the University of Colorado. In 1964, he moved with his family first to Gallup, NM, and then to Albuquerque to begin his long career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for which he worked as a community and industrial development specialist and program analyst. While the BIA rewarded him with its Superior Performance and Special Achievement Awards, the greatest pleasure of his work was helping and learning from his constituents in area

pueblos and the Hopi and Zuni reservations, all of whom he considered friends. He was very active in New Mexico AAU (later USS) swimming and the NM Pageant of Bands, and always visible in the stands as a constant and exuberant supporter of his own and everyone else's children. He enjoyed reading and philosophy and any occasion that would surround him with the many family and good friends made over the course of a long life well lived. He is survived by Joan Lee Tuttle, his wife of 59 years; son, Jerry Lee; son, Jon and his wife, Cheryl; daughter, Jana and her husband, Jon Price; and son, Jeff and his wife, Kristin; as well as twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His family was his life, and what he most cherished. Funeral services will be Monday, December 22, 2014, 11:00 a.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. Private interment with military honors will follow at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Please visit our online guestbook for Jerry at [www.FrenchFunerals.com](http://www.FrenchFunerals.com)

FRENCH - Lomas

10500 Lomas Blvd. NE

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.  
NM 87504

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Lomas)  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Tuttle*



**FRENCH Funerals & Cremations** - December 19, 2014 at 02:51 PM

JT

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Jon Tuttle** - December 12, 2014 at 11:32 AM

JT

*Goodbye, Dad.*

**Jon Tuttle** - December 12, 2014 at 11:33 AM

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*Our condolences to the Tuttle family on the loss of Dr. Tuttle. Jon, you are in our thoughts today as we learn of the loss of your father. Deepest sympathies my friend..*

**Chuck and Ashley Reece** - December 14, 2014 at 10:31 AM

JT

*Missing you greatly*

**Jerry L. Tuttle** - December 25, 2014 at 09:46 AM

JT

*you taught me so much, but you never taught me how to not miss you.*

**Jerry L. Tuttle** - February 09, 2015 at 11:54 PM

AD

*I have just learned of Dr. T's passing at this late hour (11:50 p.m.). Our Toledo family were experiencing a great deal of emotional pain witnessing our mother slowly leaving us during the month of December resulting in missing your beloved one's passing. Our mother left us December 13th and miss her dearly as well. Dr. T's contribution to the Pueblo group are deeply rooted as I have witnessed throughout the years and held in high esteem. Dr. T's innate communications with our village hierarchy was exceptional due to his sincere understanding of their cultural practices. He was treated like royalty at every visit. Little children were attracted to his gentle nature as well as his laughter. He always had time for the little ones as well. I owe my career to this giant of a man. He believed I would reach the highest level in the Bureau of Indian Affairs which I attained in 1980-the Superintendent status for a female. After my Donald died in 1992 I was given the title of Executive Director for the Lakota/Dakota Advocates for Human & Civil Rights Office on the Standing Rock Sioux Nation which I hold to this date at the age of 76. He has always been an integral part of in so many Pueblo people and will remain so. Although our loved ones are no longer with us here on earth, their memories will comfort us and bring us joyous thoughts and laughter. Yes, the most important part of Dr. T's life was his family.*

**Adelina Toledo Defender** - July 28, 2015 at 12:22 AM

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“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

**Richard Stewart** - December 12, 2014 at 10:33 AM