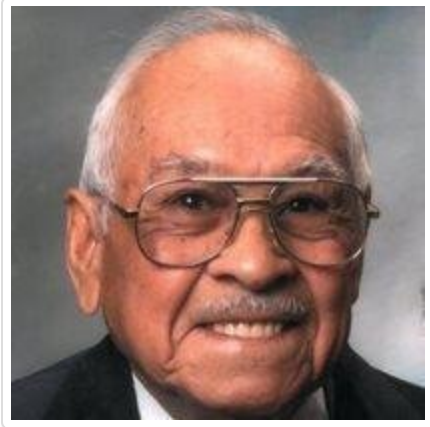




Richard Duran Jr.

April 18, 1925 - January 28, 2014

Richard Duran, Jr. passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2014. He was 10th of 12 children born to Ricardo F. and Livinia Cruz Duran in Chacon, NM in 1925. He attended mission schools including Allison James in Santa Fe and Menaul School in Albuquerque. Following his brothers Frank, Timoteo, Anselmo and Presciliano, (younger brother, Telesfor, served after World War II), Mr. Duran enlisted in the Army in 1943 when he was 18 years old and weighed 107 pounds. Mr. Duran was a soldier in the 91st Division, 3rd Battalion in the 361st Infantry Regiment. His military occupational specialty was that of Light Mortar Assistant Gunner. Mr. Duran also served in Anzio in southern Italy and his company made their way to Sicily, Naples and Trieste. Duran recalls that every time someone was killed, he felt that a part of him went with them. For his service to the United States of American, Mr. Duran earned: the Rome Arno Appennines Medal, Po Valley Medal, Bronze Star, American Theatre Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Ribbon, Three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation Badge – The 3rd Battalion, 361st Infantry Regiment, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Mr. Duran received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Army in 1945.

In 1951, he married the former Mary A. Gutierrez. The couple recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. They have two grown children, Sandra Duran-Poole and husband Chad and Orlando Duran and wife Sandra; two grandchildren, Chris and Lucinda; and two great-granddaughters, Leyla and Desaray.

Mr. Duran was employed by Sandia Laboratories from 1956 until his retirement in 1980. From 1981 to 1983, he was a Truant Officer at Mora High School. He continued to work with his son's company, SCROL Construction. In his younger years, Mr. Duran was an avid hunter and fisherman. He has attended Second Presbyterian Church most of his life and has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion organizations. Mr. Duran recently recorded events of his military service which will be filed at the Menaul School Historical Library.

Friends may visit FRENCH – Wyoming Monday, February 3, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Services will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 11:00 a.m., at Second Presbyterian Church, 812 Edith Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Second Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **3**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 823-9400
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

Services

FEB **4**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Second Presbyterian Church
812 Edith Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Duran Jr.*



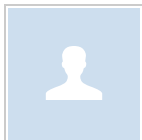
FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - January 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Condolences to the family. May the Lord bless and comfort you as you mourn the loss of my primo Richard.
Love, Eralia and Andres Pacheco from Mora, NM*



Eralia & Andres Pacheco - February 02, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Richard Duran Jr..*



January 31, 2014 at 04:09 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Duran Jr..*



January 31, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sandra & Chad, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at the passing of your father. Take care and know that your friends @ KFCU are here if there is anything we can do. Human Resources Department. Deb, Priscilla & Tillie*



Deb Hanko - January 30, 2014 at 03:06 PM



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

Tom Jordan - January 29, 2014 at 05:57 PM