



Robert Gardner

March 13, 2013

Robert Newton Gardner, 88, of Hot Springs died March 13, 2013 in a local hospital.

He was born August 21, 1924 at Winslow, Arizona, to Fay Ivan and Eliza Medlock Lewis Gardner, the youngest of 12 children. Raised in Lakeside, Arizona, graduated High School in Prescott, Arizona.

He married Emma Marie Woodward September 17, 1949.

Survivors include his wife, three children, fourteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Daughter, Laura Ann Gardner predeceased him.

He served in the Army from October 1941 to November 1945, commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant at Ft Belvoir, Virginia June 1943, was a platoon commander in the 195th Combat Engineer Battalion, went ashore at Omaha Beach June 1944, received a gunshot wound in Germany, October 29, 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and discharged as a disabled veteran.

After receiving a BS Degree June 1950 at the University of Arizona in Tucson, he accepted a permanent position with the Topographic Division of the US Geological Survey working in all phases of field and photogrammetric mapping as Technician, Field Engineer, Party Chief, Project Engineer, Assistant Branch Chief and retired as Chief, Branch of Field Surveys at Menlo Park, California Headquarters.

He mapped 5 of the 7 American Samoan Islands with native help. He accepted a 2 year assignment with the State Department in Quetta, West Pakistan to assist the Pakistanis in establishing a Geological Survey of

Pakistan. He completed a special mission to Antarctica, mapping isolated islands in Pine Island Bay. He was awarded the Antarctica Service Medal and had a mountain range in Antarctica named after him.

As a member of Hot Springs Country Club, Bob loved to play golf and bridge. His woodwork filled their house with beautifully designed and constructed furniture.

His wishes were to be cremated and laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, April 5th with military honors by VFW Post 2278