

JOHNNY GRILL



Johnny Grill, 75, of Amarillo, died on January 13, 2007.

Mr. Grill was born February 20, 1931 in Bridgeport. He graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1948 and served the United States in the Army Seventh Infantry Division during the Korean War. He attended North Texas State College, where he received his BS degree and earned his Masters degree at West Texas State College in 1958.

He married his college sweetheart, Jerry Lynn Hill, on August 26, 1955, in Bridgeport and had two children Jay and Jane. He began work at Southwestern Public Service Company in November of 1957 and retired from SPS U/E in June 1991, after serving 34 years as a PE Mechanical Engineer.

John was an avid marathan runner and ran many marathons in many countries. He consistently won in his age group and was honored to carry the Olympic Torch in 1984. He was instrumental in establishing Lone Star Running Club and was

club president and writer of the club's monthly newsletter. He was a regular at the YMCA and served on the Downtown Board of Directors. After his retirement he became an avid golfer. You could see him on the course at Comanche Trails early every morning, with Jerry by his side.

He is survived by his wife, of 51 years, Jerry Lynn; children Jay (Bee) of Rio Rancho, NM and Jane (Lou) Lerides of Albuquerque, NM; three grandchildren; and sister Betty (Tom) Carlton of Bridgeport. He was preceded in death by his mother, Bertha, in 2000.

Funeral service is January 17 at 11 a.m. at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport. In lieu of flowers the family request donations may be made to the charity of your choice in Johnny's name.

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