



Frank Blinn Copeland, 88, of Whetstone, Arizona, passed away peacefully on Saturday, **Jan. 18, 2014**, at the Sierra Vista (AZ) Regional Health Center, Sierra Vista Cochise County Arizona, USA

Frank was born on **April 14, 1925**, in Stockton, San Joaquin County, Calif., to George Albert Copeland and Elva Isabella Klinger.

He married Esther Davenport on Feb. 26, 1944, in Norwich, Conn. She passed on Dec. 3, 2004.

Frank married Wanda Ross in Sierra Vista, on June 10, 2005.

Frank proudly served in the US Navy and Navy Reserve. His combined years of service were 44 years and 10 months. During World War II, the ship he served on participated in nine war missions.

Frank was a 53-year Mason and was the Master of San Pedro Lodge #55, F&AM, Benson, AZ in 2003.

He enjoyed numerous family camping trips, hunting, fishing, and watching NASCAR races.



Frank is survived by his wife of eight years, Wanda; his daughter, Judy (David) Sawyer; stepchildren, James (Janie) Penman, Larry (Virginia) Penman, Evelyn (Bill) Hesser, Sue (Lonnie) Garner, Kay (Doney) Larive, Garry (Hope) Penman, Penny (Jim) Wright, and David (Debbie) Ross; daughter-in-law, Nancy Copeland; and sister, Daphne Rychlinski.

He was the proud grandfather to Gary (Tracey) Sawyer, Nancy (Tom) Hansbury, Heidi (Mike) Rogers, Cody Ross, Austin Ross, and Erica Zaborac, Whit Hargrove, and Vicky Hargrove; and great-grandchildren, Katelyn (Nick) Anderson, Trevor Sawyer, Ty Underwood, Christopher Rogers, and Thomas Rogers. Other survivors include many loving nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and nephews and friends and brother Masons.

He was preceded in death not only by his first wife, [Esther M Davenport Copeland \(1921 - 2004\)](#) but also by a son, [James F. Copeland \(1947 - 2009\)](#)

Visitation was held between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, at Hatfield Funeral Home. A graveside service followed at 1 p.m. at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista, AZ.



US Navy, Master Chief Electricians Mate (SUBMARINES), World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War

Plot: Section 4, Site 478