



## SSGT Jack Hoover Aldrich v



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**BIRTH** 17 Aug 1920

Driftwood Township, Woods County, Oklahoma,  
USA

**DEATH** 1 Apr 2014 (aged 93)

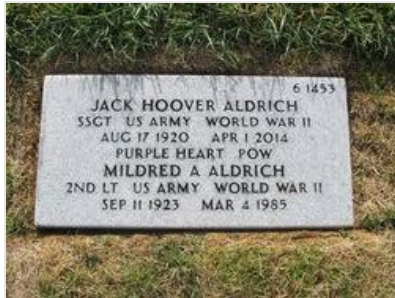
Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico, USA

**BURIAL** Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico, USA

**PLOT** 6-1453

**MEMORIAL ID** 127474305



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In 1930, Belen, Valencia County, New Mexico; Jack Aldrich was enumerated with his parents R.E. & Grace Aldrich and brother Robert Aldrich (1930 Census).

In 1940, Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico; Jack H. Aldrich was enumerated with his parents Ross Earl & Grace B. Aldrich and brother Robert L.R. Aldrich. In 1935, the family resided in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico (1940 Census).

On 6 Jan 1941, Jack H. Aldrich (B: 17 Aug 1920, Papran (?), Okla.) was inducted into the US Army from the National Guard at Clovis, New Mexico. He was described as 5' 9-1/2". 175 pounds. brown hair. blue eyes. and a sales ✕

Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Defense Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and the Distinctive Unit Badge [renamed Presidential Unit Citation]. On 28 Aug 1945, he returned to the United States and arrived on 20 Oct 1945. On 17 Nov 1946, Staff Sergeant Jack H. Aldrich (Service #20-843-488) was honorably discharged at Fort Bliss, Texas and issued a lapel button (WD AGO Form 53-55). SSgt Aldrich would have also been awarded the Prisoner of War Medal and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

On 19 May 1946, Galveston County, Texas; Jack Hoover Aldrich married Mildred Adele Harrell (Texas Marriage Certificate #30565).

Jack, a resident of Roswell, passed away with family by his side. He was survived by his wife Dorothy C. Aldrich of Roswell; son John R. Aldrich (wife Kazuko) of Los Altos, California; daughters: Suzanne Delaware (husband Rob) of Merced, California and Barbara Burns (husband Erskine) of Albuquerque; grandchildren: Eric and Sam Burns of Albuquerque, Robert Delaware Jr. of Merced, California; Kimiko Aldrich of Los Altos, California; step-son Ralph Iazard (wife Kathy) of Albuquerque; step-daughter Kate Henningsen (husband Tom) of Albuquerque; nephew Dr. Steven Cobb (wife Victoria) of Roswell and their children: Brian Cobb (wife Nicole), Heidi Marie Cobb-Bryan and daughter Audra Marie, Martha Michele Rempe (husband James) and their children Victoria and Christopher Rempe.

During World War II, Jack was in the New Mexico National Guard until called to active duty. He was serving with the 2nd Battalion Headquarters of the 200th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) in the Philippines when Imperial Japanese began their invasion on 8 Dec 1941. The 200th resorted to fighting as Infantry. On 9 Apr 1942, American and Filipino forces on the Bataan Peninsula were compelled to surrender. Jack survived the infamous Bataan Death March that followed. As a Prisoner of War he endured filth, starvation, disease, and the brutality of Japanese Prison Camps. He was liberated in 1945 from Shinjuku POW Camp, Tokyo Bay where he was exploited as slave labor. Throughout the war, he and his fellow soldiers never gave up hope; their song was "God Bless America". Upon hearing the war was over, Jack's first comment was "at least I'll have clean sheets to die on." Among Jack's military awards are the Bronze Star for heroism, the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. World War II Victory Medal. Philippine

Upon returning home from the war, Jack married Mildred Adele Harrell. Together they reared 3 children. Jack and Mildred spent most of their lives in New Mexico. A businessman by trade, Jack worked for ACF Industries and AmRep Corporation before retiring. He continued to live in Albuquerque after the death of Mildred. He later met and married Dorothy Cave Izard. They have resided in Roswell, for the past 23 years. Together they travelled near and far. Jack was an American Patriot, an ardent conservative Republican, a Christian, and a New Mexican through and through. Jack had a great sense of humor, which stayed with him to the end.

A Memorial Ceremony was on 8 April 2014 at the New Mexico Military Institute Chapel in Roswell. Interment was in the Santa Fe National Cemetery on 10 April 2014. Honorary pallbearers: Paul Bierwirth, Charles Dawe, Dewain Frost, Dr. Michael Cobb.

### Inscription

SSGT US ARMY  
 WORLD WAR II  
 PURPLE HEART  
 PRISONER OF WAR

### Family Members

#### Parents



Ross Earl "Jack" Aldrich  
 1890–1976



Grace Brunette *Hoover* Aldrich  
 1891–1944

#### Spouses



Lieut Mildred Adele *Harrell* Aldrich  
 1923–1985 (m. 1946)



Dorothy *Cave* Aldrich  
 1927–2020

#### Siblings



Robert LeRoy Aldrich  
 1922–1988



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