

24 Sept 1982

Maude Wilken Taylor, 72

Mrs. Maude Wilken Taylor, 72, died Friday morning at her home at 445 W. Arizona following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 12, 1910, in Watertown, S.D., a daughter of George and Margaret McElroy.

In 1920 she moved to Montana with her family. She was a graduate of the University of Montana in Missoula. She taught in numerous rural schools and at St. Matthew's Catholic School.

On Aug. 31, 1931, she was married to Fred G. Wilken in Billings. In 1945 they moved to Kalispell and formed McElroy & Wilken Ready Mix Company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Wilken, in 1970 and by a son, Fred Mark Wilken, in 1978.

On Nov. 10, 1972, she married Robert Taylor, and is survived by him. She is also survived by a son, Delbert Wilken, Kalispell; two daughters, Mrs. Keith (Vivian) Damon, Spokane, and Mrs. Wayne (Marjean) Stead, Walnut Creek, Calif.; a stepson, Harry Taylor, Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Joseph McElroy, Kalispell, and Floyd McElroy, Mesa, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited for Mrs. Taylor at 7:30 tonight in the Johnson Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church with the Rev. Juna Diphe as celebrant. Burial will be in Glacier Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Flathead Hospice Fund, P.O. Box 1532, Kalispell.

Eddie G. Tetrault, 88

30 May 1982

Eddie G. Tetrault, 88, died Sunday evening in the Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born July 9, 1893, on the family homestead in Kalispell, a son of Francis and Valeria Tetrault. He attended Half Moon School and later worked for the Great Northern Railroad for several years. He farmed and ranched in the LaSalle area until his retirement in 1970, at which time he moved to Kalispell.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church and the Kalispell Elks Lodge.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry of Puyallup, Wash., and Andrew of Seldovia, Alaska; and one sister, Edith Brown of Tacoma Wash.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 tonight in the Johnson Mortuary Chapel; Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Matthew's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Emmett O'Neill officiating. Burial will follow in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Minnie Tetrault, 90

4 Mar 1982

Minnie Tetrault, 90, who resided at 386 Second Ave. W.N., died Thursday in Kalispell.

She was born May 31, 1891, in Tyndall, S.D., a daughter of Joseph and Anna Haberman. She moved with her family to the Flathead Valley in December 1905 and settled on a farm about five miles northeast of Kalispell.

On May 10, 1902, she married Dolard "Gus" Tetrault in Kalispell. They made their home and farmed about nine miles north of Kalispell.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 24, 1948; one sister; and two brothers.

She is survived by her daughter, Eva Tetrault of Kalispell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Johnson Funeral Home.

10 Feb. 1982

Orin Alonzo Telfifero, 94

Orin Alonzo Telfifero, 94, a Whitefish resident, died Wednesday evening in Whitefish.

He was born April 21, 1887, at Tekama, Neb., a son of Elijah and Ida Telfifero. He was educated in Nebraska and in 1905 moved from Nebraska to Browning and worked for the Blackfeet Indian Agency. He later was associated with the Sherburn Mercantile Co. at Browning for a number of years. He worked in mercantiles in Babb, East Glacier Park, Lake McDonald Hotel, Eureka and in Bonners

Ferry, Idaho. In 1932 he accepted the position of postmaster at Browning, and was employed there until his retirement in 1955. He served two terms as a Glacier County commissioner and a number of years as mayor of Browning.

He married Lutie Belle Barnes in Kalispell on Aug. 8, 1910. She died Nov. 19, 1969, and he moved to Whitefish the same year.

He was active in Masonic Lodges in Browning, Cut Bank, Columbia Falls and Whitefish.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Helen) Dodd of Whitefish; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish with the Rev. Richard Kirchhoffer of the Holy Nativity Episcopal Church officiating. Masonic rites will be given by Masonic Lodge 89 of Columbia Falls, with burial in Whitefish Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, N. 820 Summit Blvd., Spokane, Wash., 99201.

18 Feb 1982

Charles Thompson Sr., 79

Charles Morrell Thompson Sr., 79, died Thursday morning at his home at 421 Fifth Ave. W.

He was born Nov. 9, 1902, in Elsberry, Mo., a son of John and Nora Thompson. He received his education in Missouri and moved to Devils Lake,

N.D., where he lived until 1924. He then moved to Kalispell where he has lived since. He was employed as a mechanic for the Himsl-Wohlwend Motors Inc. for many years. He was then a custodian for Elrod and Linderman schools for several years prior to his retirement.

Thompson was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church. While in

North Dakota, he was married to Artie Douglas, who preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 1956. In August 1958 he married Katherine Henderson Batchelor in Richmond, Va., and is now survived by her at the family home.

He is also survived by two sons, Morrell of Manhattan, N.Y., and Douglas of Minneapolis,

Minn.; a brother, Harry of Miles City; his stepmother, Clemmie Thompson of Seattle, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

Services for Thompson will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Herbert Cies, pastor of the Epworth United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery.

Dell Leroy Thorp, 59

20 Feb 1982
Dell Leroy Thorp, 59, of 605 Capistrano Drive, died Saturday evening in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born April 22, 1922, in Watford City, N.D., a son of Arthur and Isabel Thorp. He was educated in North Dakota and attended carpentry school in Watford City. He served in the Army during World War II.

He married Anna Ramberg on Jan. 12, 1957, in Chinook.

He had done ranch work in North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming and in 1969 moved to Kalispell. He was employed with the Plum Creek Lumber Co. until retiring due to his recent illness.

He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, at home; four sons, Patrick, Douglas, Roger and Clifford, all of Watford City; three daughters,

Debra, Barbara and Layne, all of Kalispell; and a brother, Orvel of Watford City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Johnson Funeral Home with the Rev. Harrison Weaver, pastor of the Evergreen Alliance Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by local veterans organizations.

Thelma Thompson, 69

31 May 1982
LIBBY — Thelma M. Thompson, 69, Libby, died Monday in a Spokane hospital.

She was born May 13, 1913, in Morton, Idaho, and grew up in the Sandpoint and LaCleda, Idaho, areas.

She married Howard O. Thompson in 1934 in Thompson Falls. The couple lived in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. They moved to Libby in 1953.

Mrs. Thompson worked

at the Ten Pin Cafe, the C&H Market, Bud Adkins Supermarket and Rosauer's store. She also was an Avon representative until her retirement in 1978.

She was a member of Eastern Star, Lincoln Oasis, Libby Dam Good Sam Club and the Kootenai Valley Grange.

Survivors include her husband, Libby; two sons, H. Robert, Libby, and Ron, Parkersburg, W.Va.; two daughters, Phyllis Stevens, Wenatchee, Wash., and Gloria Gustafson, Port Angeles, Wash.; a brother, Gerald Christenson, McKinleyville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were today at 2 p.m. in the Vial Funeral Home in Libby with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Burial was in the Libby Cemetery with the Order of Eastern Star providing graveside rites.

Oscar G. Titman, 77

6 Dec 1982
LIBBY — Oscar G. Titman, 77, died Monday at St. John Lutheran Hospital in Libby.

He was born Dec. 20, 1904, in Chicago, the son of Zeb and Harriet Titman. In 1911 he and his family came to Libby. He married Lucille Ledeman on March 29, 1947, in Kalispell.

He worked for the J. Neils Lumber Co. in Libby for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1969. He was

also a cabinetmaker.

He was a member of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.

Survivors include his wife, in Libby; a son, George, in Canada; a stepdaughter, Mary Ellen Van-Note, Spokane; a stepson, John Sloan, Libby; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Vial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wilford Luce officiating. Burial will be in the City of Libby Cemetery.

James J. Thramer, 54

EWING, Neb. — James J. Thramer, 54, a former resident of Kalispell, died March 8 in Omaha.

He was born in Ewing on June 10, 1927, the son of Albin Paul and Agnes

Rotherham Thramer. He was raised on his parent's farm in Ewing and attended rural schools and Sacred Heart High School in Norfolk.

During World War II, Thramer served in the U.S. Navy in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre.

He married Bernadette Marie Thiele on Feb. 26, 1949, and the couple lived in Little Rock, Ark., for three years where he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad. They later

operated the Broadway Bar in Ewing for three years.

The couple moved to Kalispell where he was employed by the Pacific Hide and Fur Co. for 18 years. In 1974 they moved back to Ewing where he was employed in construction work.

He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Ewing; Sanders American Legion Post, also in Ewing; and the VFW at Norfolk.

Survivors include his wife, in Ewing; his father, in Norfolk; three sons,

James P. and Dwayne Charles, both of Whitefish, and John Paul of Ewing; five daughters, Mary Jane Barnhart of Somers, Mrs. Bob (Diane S.) Snyder of Ewing, Mrs. Jim (Rosemary) Gilbert of Anchorage, Alaska, Mrs. Bob (Kathleen) Slocum of Neligh, and Christina Thramer of Anchorage; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Max of Norfolk and Albin of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and two sisters, Mrs. Owen (Lucy Ann) Kruse of Fremont and Mrs. Dick (Mary Agnes) Dickes of Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Gregory.

Services were held in Ewing, with interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

9 Dec 1982

Nelda Tombrink, 69

Nelda I. Tombrink, 69, Columbia Falls, died Thursday evening in Seatle.

She was born May 14, 1913, in Cottonwood, Idaho, a daughter of George and Nellie Deardorff. She attended schools in Great Falls, graduating from Great Falls High School in 1930.

On Nov. 8, 1937, she married Joe Tombrink. They farmed in the Great Falls area for a number of

years and in 1949 moved to Columbia Falls, where they owned and operated a small farm.

She was an active member of St. Richard's Catholic Church and was chairman of the St. Valentine's Guild for many years.

Survivors include her husband Joe; two sons, Dick of Billings and Dan of Columbia Falls; a brother, Loyal Deardorff of Colville, Wash.; two sisters, Bertie Ogden of Cascade and June Anderson of Fort

Benton; and three grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. Mass of the Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Bernard Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in St. Richard's Catholic Cemetery.

The casket will be open for viewing Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

12 Jan 1982

George A. Tillson, 98

George A. Tillson, 98, a longtime resident of Trego, died Tuesday afternoon in Eureka.

He was born March 20, 1883, in Livermore, Iowa, a son of Charles B. and Allie Tillson. As a young man he moved from Livermore to Toston where he homesteaded. On July 16, 1918, he married Elizabeth M. Peugh in Missoula. The

couple moved to the Flathead Valley in 1923 where they farmed. In 1948 they moved to Trego, where they had lived since. Tillson had been at the Mountain View Nursing Manor in Eureka the past week.

Tillson is survived by his wife, in Eureka; two sons, Charles B. of Kalispell and Alvin E. of Trego; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Glacier Memorial Gardens in Kalispell with the Rev. Howard Mars of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church officiating. Friends may meet at the cemetery. Services are under the direction of the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Mountain View Nursing Home in Eureka.

25 Feb. 1982

Connie Tipton, 37

Connie Tipton, 37, 125 E. Evergreen Drive, died Thursday morning at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 19, 1944, in Kalispell the daughter of Leonard "Babe" and Lois Annis Schmid.

She was raised and attended schools in Kalispell. She married Clarence H. Tipton July 31, 1970. They lived in the Evergreen area ever since.

Tipton was a member of Women of the Moose.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Larry of

Amanda Park, Wash.; two daughters, Carrie Eyestad of Kalispell and Linda Rasmussen of Amanda Park; one brother, Bob Quinn of Columbia Falls; one sister, Cheryl LaPorte of Kalispell; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Weatherford Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Mars and the Rev. Matthew Cox of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell officiating. Burial will follow at Conrad Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday until 9 p.m. at the funeral home.



CONNIE TIPTON

'Casey' Torgerson, 72

26 July 1982

Kenneth "Casey" Torgerson, 72, who had resided at 26 Third Ave. W., died Monday morning in North Valley Hospital.

He was born July 10, 1910, in Filmore, N.D., a son of Knute and Aslaug Torgerson. He was educated in North Dakota and on Jan. 17, 1942, entered the U.S. Army at Fort Snelling, Minn. He

served as a dental assistant and bugler in the European theater in Company A, 2753 Engineer Combat Battalion. He received his honorable discharge Aug. 30, 1945, at Camp McCoy, Wis. In 1948, he moved to the Flathead Valley where he was employed in woodwork and logging for most of his life. He had also been a caretaker for the Conn Kelley estate.

Mr. Torgerson lived at the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls for about 1½ years, and then returned to Kalispell where he has lived for the past several months.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Kalispell Eagles Lodge; and served as a bugler for the veterans organizations military rites group for many years.

Mr. Torgerson was unmarried.

He was preceded in death by one sister and five brothers. He is survived by a twin brother, Melvin of Hot Springs; two sisters, Christie Olson of Norcross, Minn., and Bertina Torgerson of the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Northridge Lutheran Church with the Rev. Russell Halaas officiating. Burial will be in Conrad Memorial Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the local veterans organizations.

Knut Tu, 77

2 Oct. 1982

Knut Tu, 77, Lakeside, died Saturday in Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Feb. 3, 1905, in Sunmoor, Norway, a son of Karl Stromsheim and Nikoline Tu. He received his schooling in

Norway and in 1926 came to California.

In 1933, he married Ida M. Holen in Los Angeles. The couple made their home in Vista, Calif., until 1977 when they moved to Lakeside.

Tu was a cabinetmaker until his retirement.

He was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Vista and a member of the Fedraheimen Lodge 140, Sons of Norway.

He is survived by his wife, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Bjarne (Ruth) Brensadal; two grandsons; and two brothers and a sister in Norway.

Friends may call at the Johnson Chapel for visitation until 9 tonight. The body will be forwarded to the Fulkerson Funeral Home of Plentywood where services are planned for 2 p.m. Thursday in St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery.

Lillian Tubb, 72

8 Jan 1982

Lillian Tubb, 72, Bigfork, died Friday. She was born Jan. 2, 1910 in Philbrook near Hobson (Judith Basin County), the daughter of George W. Tubb and Elise Otten. Her mother died of the flu during the epidemic of 1918 while the family was living

in Seattle.

Tubb was raised by her grandparents in Lewistown, where she attended school and graduated from Fergus County High School in 1927. She attended Montana State College where she was a Spur and a member of the Alpha Gamma

Delta sorority.

Following graduation from college, she taught school in Joplin before entering the extension service in Culbertson. She came to the Flathead Valley in the late 1930s.

From 1942 to 1947, she was in the extension service in Hawaii. She returned to the Flathead County extension service covering Flathead, Lake and Sanders counties. She retired as Flathead County agent in 1965.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, a one-time Flathead Valley Community College trustee and a member of the local Audubon Society.

She is survived by her sister Elise Demers of Lewistown, and her brother, George in Alpine, Calif.

Burial will be in the family plot in Lewistown Tuesday. A memorial service will be in Bigfork Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Methodist Church.

Arthur G. Tucker, 80

27 Mar. 1982

EUREKA — Arthur G. Tucker, 80, a former resident of Polson, died Saturday of natural causes at Kalispell Regional Hospital.

He was born Dec. 5, 1901, in Bridger to William and Anna Tucker. He was raised and educated in Bridger. In the early 1920s, he and his brother were part-owners of the Tucker Brothers and Scotts Road Construction.

He was also road foreman for the Lake County Road Department in the 1930s. He followed construction as a heavy-equipment operator and retired in 1968.

His first wife, Grace, died in 1955. He married

Imogene Meuli on Feb. 28, 1964, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Surviving him are his wife, in Eureka; two sons, Don, Kalispell, and Jerry, Longview, Wash.; one stepson, Duane Meuli, Eureka; one step-daughter, LaVerne Helms, Eureka; several brothers and sisters; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Eureka Baptist Church with the Rev. David Davis officiating. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Vial Funeral Home in Eureka.

Services will also be held in Polson at the Mosley Funeral Home on Thursday at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at the Lake View Cemetery in Polson.

3 June 1982 Robert A. 'Bob' Turman, 72

Robert A. "Bob" Turman, 72, 1721 S. Woodland Drive, Kalispell, died Thursday night in the North Valley Extended Care Unit.

He was born Sept. 12, 1909, in Marysville, Wash., the son of Allen M. and Edith Spencer Turman.

He attended public schools in Kalispell and as a teen-ager worked at haying and threshing at various farms around the Valley. He later worked at logging for the American Timber Co. and other mills in the area and was employed as a Forest

Service lookout for several seasons.

In 1947, he married Gredel L. Hodgson in Thompson Falls and they made their home in Kalispell.

He worked for 30 years as a salesman in furniture stores in Kalispell, retiring in 1975. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving besides his wife at the family home in Kalispell are two sons, David of Kalispell and Mark of Concord, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Ronnie (Ginny) Hardinger of

Kalispell, Mrs. Bruce (Chris) Bexell of Casper, Wyo., Mrs. Bob (Edie) Gilstrap of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at United Epworth Methodist Church of Kalispell with the Rev. Herbert A. Cies officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society. Cremation was by Weatherford Crematory.

18 Feb. 1982

Gertrude 'Dooley' Tyler, 95

Gertrude S. "Dooley" Tyler, 95, of 111 Fourth Ave. E., Kalispell, died Thursday morning.

She was born Feb. 22, 1886, in Renovo, Pa., the daughter of Charles and Lillian Scudder. She was raised and educated in Williamsport, Pa. In 1913 she married Harry Tyler in Johnsonburg, Pa., and they lived in Alberton, Missoula County, until Mr.

Tyler's death in 1925. She then lived in several places in Pennsylvania, Montana, and California until moving in with her daughter in Kalispell in 1950.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Theo) Page of Kalispell, four grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, and a

daughter, Marty Wallach, in September 1981.

Memorial services will be announced at a later time. Arrangements and cremation are being handled by Weatherford Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

William B. Tusen, 93

28 Feb. 1982

William B. Tusen, 93, a Whitefish resident, died Sunday morning at the North Valley Extended Care Center in Whitefish.

He was born Nov. 19, 1888, in Emmons, Minn., a son of John and Omelia Tusen. He was raised and educated in Emmons.

At the age of 19 he moved to Flathead Valley, where he homesteaded.

He married Mazzie Arania in Rexford in 1926. She died in 1929.

In 1941, he moved to Stryker and worked for the railroad. In 1965 he retired

from the railroad and moved to Whitefish.

As well as his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Laura Rhodes of Whitefish, Ann Good of Mead, Wash., Minnie Torgerson of Olney, and Mary of Fruitland, Idaho.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Austin Funeral Home in Whitefish. The Rev. Bill Brackett of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish will officiate. Cremation has already taken place.