



Fred Fenton Tubb, born August 12, 1913 in Shattuck, Oklahoma to Earl Frederick and Mabel Patterson Tubb, passed away in Bozeman, Montana on April 29, 2010, at the age of 96.

He and his wife, Gladys Herdina Tubb recently resided at Bozeman Lodge Retirement Home, leaving their farm home of seventy-three years, just a year ago. They farmed at the NE corner of the airport, beginning there in 1936, until retirement.

He led an adventurous life from his childhood when at the age of four, his parents moved from Oklahoma to a homestead on Otter Creek, Montana. His mother and brothers and Fred rode a train to Sheridan, Wyoming and were met by his dad to begin an eighty mile trek in covered wagon to the homestead near Sayle, Montana.

He and his three brothers enjoyed the wide open of the Powder River Country. He attended school there until his mother became fatally ill and the family returned to Oklahoma where he and his siblings were raised by Grandparents Patterson.

He graduated High School at White Deer, Texas in the Texas Panhandle during the depression and the Dust Bowl. He worked after school at the bank and picked chickens for ten cents each to help out. Following his graduation, he and his brother, Charles, hitch-hiked back to the Powder River Country in Montana and worked at cattle and sheep ranches and coal mining. He went on to graduate from diesel school in Seattle.

He later found work on farms and mining near Drummond, Montana, arriving with the Herdina family in Gallatin Valley in 1936 where he and Gladys were married.

They enjoyed outdoor adventures which included camping, boating, traveling the Southwest, bowling, hunting and snowmobiling. He and Gladys covered many mountains in Montana on snowmobile, and hunted many ravines in Eastern Montana with friends. He also enjoyed taking scenic photos and was an ardent member of the Bozeman Camera Club. He and Gladys belonged to a bowling league at Manhattan Lanes for several years.

While farming, he pioneered the Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Montana, as the first agent in the state. He continued as an agent for the District X Farm Bureau for nearly twenty years. He was long time member of the Montana Farm Bureau and served on many state and local Farm Bureau committees over the years, most particularly the “weed board.”

Through his dedicated Christian service at Belgrade Community Church, he served as a deacon and found special evangelism by distributing Bibles through the Gideon’s.

Fred is survived by his wife, Gladys; daughter, Betty Jo Biggs; grandchildren, Ron (Terri) Biggs, Robert (LuAnne) Biggs, Karen LaPlant; Nancy (Dan) Roys; ten great-grandchildren; brother, George (Gilbert) Tubb of Denver; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Eugene and Charles.