

Orville Simonson, 69

7-17-91

Orville Simonson, 69, died July 1, 1991, at Corpus Christi, Texas, following a lengthy illness. A memorial service was held at the Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral home, July 3, 1991, and his remains were buried at a Corpus Christi cemetery.

Orville Simonson was born July 10, 1921 at Clam Falls, Wis., to Oliver and Alice (Brown) Simonson. The family moved to the Groton area in 1925. He graduated from Groton High School in 1940 and immediately joined the Navy and retired from the military the 1960 as Chief Aviation Machinists Mate. He married Shirley Thurman August 20, 1944, at Aberdeen. They lived at numerous Navy bases until the time of her death in 1954. After his Navy retirement he worked as a civil service employee for ARADMAC at the C.C. Naval Base. When he retired from that employment in 1979, he had 35 years of government service.

He married Zoe McAllen June 7, 1956, and they lived in Corpus Christi since then. After his retirement he was a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society, taking cancer out-patients for their chemo/radiation treatments. He continued doing this until his health began to fail two years ago.

He is survived by his wife, one sister, Phyllis Gulbranson, Groton; two step-daughters, Emma Rae Herrin, Dallas, Texas; and Mrs. Elmer (Veretta) Thorson, Wood Dale, Ill.; several step-grandchildren and great grandchildren.