

Mr. Evans, 85, freighted winter supplies to villages

Services were held Nov. 3 for Wilfred Joseph Evans, 85, who died Oct. 30 at Denali Center.

Mr. Evans was born Dec. 17, 1901, in Koyukuk. He was a well known retired businessman from the Koyukuk River area and had lived at Denali Center for the past two years after suffering a stroke.

He studied engineering at Indian College and also owned and operated a riverboat on the Koyukuk River, as well as a trading post at Allakaket.

Using a barge, Mr. Evans freighted winter supplies for outlying villages and trading posts along the river. He also operated a weather station during World War II.

After the war, Mr. Evans retired at Bettles and Evansville, which was named for him. He built the Bettles Lodge for Wien Air Alaska.



Survivors include daughters, Milliecent, Jean, Josephine and Marian; sons, Wilfred Jr. and Jerry; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Allakaket Community Hall. Mr. Evans was buried at the Allakaket village cemetery.