

Herbert Allen Zimmerman

b. 21 July 1930 – d. 28 November 2012

Herb was born in Dusseldorf, Germany, to American parents. The family returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, when he was four and later moved to Moline, Illinois, where he completed high school. He then joined the United States Navy for four years and was a veteran of the Korean War.

After his Navy experience, he attended Prairie Bible College and later graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a degree in Biblical Literature.

Gifted musically and linguistically, he studied at the University of Oklahoma Summer Institute of Linguistics and later taught linguistic subjects there.

With another linguist, he surveyed all the native language groups in Alaska under Dr. Harry Hoyer of the University of California, for the first time identifying all the language groups in that State.

In 1960 he married Judith Jacobsen, and in 1964 they moved to Trout Rock, Northwest Territories, and began their work of analyzing the unwritten Tłıchǫ language. With Native help Herb learned to speak it to some degree and produced initial drafts of the books of Mark and Luke.

His work caught the attention of the *New York Times*, and Andrew Malcom's personal interview led to extensive media coverage across North America. Herb was also well known for his keen sense of humour.

Herb leaves behind his wife Judy, daughter Nancy, son Ted, and grandsons Graeme and Erik and his brother, Stanley, in Chicago. He loved the North, and requested that his remains be buried at the Yellowknife Cemetery.



His funeral will take place on **Saturday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m.** at Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Funeral arrangements by McKenna Funeral Home, Yellowknife.