

Obituaries

William Leonard Kilgore

Sept. 30, 1917 — Feb. 18, 1997

William Leonard Kilgore, 79, of Long Barn died Tuesday at a Sonora hospital.

Mr. Kilgore was born in Colusa and moved to the Bay Area in 1937. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics and a master's degree in mathematics from the University of California, Berkeley.

He served in the Navy as lieutenant commander on a mine sweeper in the Central Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Kilgore joined the math department at Hayward High School in 1946 and taught for the Hayward Unified School District at Hayward and Sunset high schools until his retirement in 1978. He then served as treasurer for the California Retired Teachers Association.

Mr. Kilgore and his wife, Doris, moved to the Odd Fellows Sierra Park near Long Barn in 1972. Mr. Kilgore served as secretary for the park's board of directors.

He became a member of the Masonic Order in 1951 and was active with the Eucalyptus Lodge No. 243 in Hayward. After moving to Tuolumne County, he served as master of the Mother Lode Chapter No. 124 in 1981 and was patron of the Tuolumne Star Chapter No. 123 of the Eastern Star four times. He was a member of the Aahmes Temple in Livermore, the Mother Lode Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite of Stockton. He served in many past officer positions for the York Rite of Sonora and was a recipient of the K.Y.C.H.

He was also an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at their Colusa Lodge and Hayward Sycamore Lodge No. 129, where he served as noble grand in 1950. In 1976, he served as first noble grand of the Sierra Park Lodge No. 376 of Long Barn. He also was a member of the Bald Mountain Encampment and the Sierra Rebecca Lodge No. 245 of Sonora.

In addition to his lodge duties, Mr. Kilgore enjoyed traveling and was a member of the Masonic National Camping Travelers Inc. Gold Panners Chapter No. 154. He

served as master of travel in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Kilgore of Long Barn; a daughter, Linda Johnson of Sonora; three sons, Rob and David Kilgore, both of Newton, Iowa, and Mike Kilgore of San Leandro; three stepsons, James Walker of San Ramon, Charles Walker of Hayward and Robert Walker of Tuolumne; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the 49ers in Columbia. Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to the 49ers Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 689, Columbia, or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 1701 19th Ave., San Francisco, 94122.