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On May 29th Albert Wassillie Sr. of Nondalton died in Anchorage. He was \_\_\_ years of age. Albert was one of the foremost experts on the lanaguage and culture of the Dena'ina of the Nondalton area. In his younger days Albert worked as a trapper and fisherman in the Nondalton-Lake Clark area, and he knew that country very well. He was an enthusiastic teacher of Dena'ina and taught in the Nondalton school in the 1970s. He was also an outstanding writer of his language, and the author of 20 books and booklets in his language. At times Albert worked as a writer for Alaska Native Language Center, the National Bilingual Materials Development Center, and Lake Clark National Park. He made really major contributions to Dena'ina grammar, vocabulary, place names, and traditional stories. His most important published writings are K'ich'ighi, Dena'ina Riddles, Dena'ina Qenaga Duch'duldih, Dena'ina Junior Dictionary, and Nuvendalton Ht'ana Sukdu'a, Nondalton People's Stories. These works, published by the National Bilingual Materials Development Center in Anchorage are now out of print. In the fall of 1988 he was Elder-in-Residence at the University of Alaska Fairbanks where he presented a detailed, informative overview of Dena'ina culture and history.

He is survived by two sons, Albert Jr. and \_\_\_\_\_, by two sisters Dolly Hobson and Mary Trefon, .....

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