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John and Slokey Tuttle—Courtesy photo

John and Slokey Tuttle Memorial Scholarship

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This year the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends has selected the John and Slokey Tuttle family of Guymon as the 2012 Honored Family. John and Slokey celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this year and are pleased to accept this honor. With eight children and fifteen grandchildren, there are over twenty-two family members who have attended or graduated from OPSU.

John Conover Tuttle and Emogene Katherine Brandkamp were both born in Hooker, Okla. Emogene received her nickname "Slokey" from her Dad, L. S. Brandkamp, as she was slow to crawl and slow poke became "Slokey." To this day, it is her preferred name. John's parents, Frederick Tuttle and Wilhelmina Dorthea "Minnie" Conover had a farm outside of Hooker while Slokey's Dad

operated the shoe shop in Hooker. John graduated from Hooker High School in 1945. He was then drafted into the Army for two years. After returning he married Slokey in 1947 and ran the shoe shop for the next ten years. Slokey graduated from Hooker High School in 1947, and she helped John learn the shoe repair business and they raised six of the eight children during this time. The shoe repair business slowed due to newer synthetic shoes and the Tuttles moved to Guymon in 1957. John began working for Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline of America and continued his employment until retiring in 1983.

Slokey remembers the Dust Bowl days as a child, in particular long brown stockings, carrying lunch in a can, hunting rabbits, dust storms in Tyrone, Okla., the work program (WPA) in the school kitchen and driving Model T cars. Slokey stayed home with the children, baking, canning, knitting, sewing and was even a Cub Scout leader. When their youngest child, Bill, started school, Slokey went to work as a nurse's aide. Eventually she became a lab technician for Dr. Oxley in Guymon and earned her MLT. Slokey attended OPSU 1975 through 1977. She retired with John in 1983.

John and Slokey have eight children. When they first married, they did not think they would have any children and they adopted their first daughter, Connie Jean Tuttle, in 1951. After adopting Connie, they had no problems having children. First born daughter was Dortha (Dottie) Katherine Tuttle (1951), followed by John Gregory Tuttle (1953), Lawrence Steve Tuttle (1954), Sara Elizabeth Tuttle (1955), Fredrick Michael Tuttle (1956), Martha Ann Tuttle (1957), and William Christopher Tuttle (1959). One of the many memories for the Tuttle children while growing up is taking vacations, camping in New Mexico and Colorado in their converted school bus. A school bus came up for bid and John with the help from his family modified the bus to take camping. They painted the bus green and John painted a green hornet on the top of the front of the bus. The bus was christened "The Green

Hornet." Many two week vacations were spent traveling in the bus and making treasured memories for the Tuttle family.

After retiring, John and Slokey traveled for a bit and then moved to Chama, Colo. and after a few years they moved to La Veta, Colo. They were active with the Catholic church in La Veta. Slokey served as postmaster briefly as well, and also worked on the election board. In 1997, John and Slokey decided they wanted to be closer to family and moved back to Guymon where they live today. John enjoys golfing and gardening these days. Slokey has played the organ and piano at St Peter's Catholic Church. She enjoys sewing, cooking and crafting. Both John and Slokey enjoy being close to family and spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Connie Jean Tuttle had two sons by her first marriage that attended OPSU, Gregory Paul Stelzer and Anthony "Tony" Lynn Stelzer. Tony's wife, Amy (Breuer) Stelzer graduated from OPSU in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and is teaching in Guymon public school. Greg, by his first marriage, had two children, Shayla and Trae. Greg and his wife Tina (Haller) Stelzer live in Hugoton, Kan. and between them they have five children. Connie is currently married to Robert Conner and they have five children and fourteen grandchildren and live in Enid, Okla.

Dorthea "Dottie" Katherine Tuttle married Robert Post. Dottie attended OPSU in 1970-1971, and then transferred to Central State University and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1974. She has worked in a variety of nursing fields and states for thirty-four years. Dottie and Robert have lived in Guymon for 10 years. Robert is the director of the Oaks of Mamre homeless shelter in Guymon and enjoys helping the homeless find their way. Dottie and Robert have two sons, Todd Conover Post and Robert J Post III. Robert Post III attended OPSU in 1997-1998.

John G. Tuttle, eldest son of John C. and Emogene Tuttle, attended OPSU after serving three years in the Army. John G. graduated from OPSU in 1979 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. John and his wife Jennifer Williams Tuttle have three children, John Christopher "Chris" Tuttle, Katherine "Kathy" Tuttle, and Janessa Brown. Chris attended and graduated from OPSU in 2006 with a BS in Biology. Chris' wife, Jennifer Dunn Tuttle graduated from OPSU in 2000 with a degree in Elementary Education. John currently teaches 5th grade science at North Park Elementary in Guymon.

Lawrence Steve Tuttle married Rita Jo Castlebury. Steve and Rita attended OPSU and are lifetime alumni members. Steve and Rita own and operate Sound Service, the local RadioShack dealership and the Pioneer Motel. They have two children, Nick and Kim. Lawrence Nicholas "Nick" Tuttle graduated from OPSU in 2009 with Bachelor of Technology in Computer Graphics and in 2012 with BBA Computer Information Systems. Nick currently works at OPSU as the Webmaster, Institutional Research Director and in the Alumni office as the Executive Director. Kimberly Jo Tuttle graduated from OPSU in 2012 with BBA - Business Administration and BBA Computer Information Systems. Kim received the distinguished J.R.P. Sewell award in 2012 and served as the Student Association President for 2011-2012. She is currently a Restaurant Guest Service Manager at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Sara Elizabeth Tuttle married Brad Lowery and they have two children, Jeff Lowery and Connie Annette Lowery Butler. Connie attended and graduated from OPSU in 2011 with a BS in Elementary Education. Connie currently teaches at North Park Elementary in Guymon and has two sons, Corbin and Luke. Sara's current husband is Hassan Khammash and she is a freelance graphic artist.

Frederick Michael Tuttle married Joanie Rene' Campbell Banks. Joanie attended OPSU and had two children, Jason Dean Banks and Melissa Rene' Banks, and Melissa attended OPSU. Fred and Joanie have two children, Josh and Katy.

Joshua Frederick Tuttle attended OPSU in 2008 and will complete his degree in health and physical education December 2012 from OSU. Katherine "Katy" Elizabeth Tuttle presently attends OPSU and plans to graduate May 2013 with Bachelor in Fine Arts. Fred attended OPSU and graduated in 1999 with an Elementary Education degree and has taught for 12 years at Liberal South Middle School, Sunflower Intermediate School and at Hooker High School.

Martha Ann Tuttle married William Scott and has two children, Andy and Brandy. Andrew "Andy" Oscar Scott is currently attending OPSU pursuing a degree in chemistry. Andy has two children with his first wife Mindy, Kaitlyn and Kyle. Andy was enlisted in the United States Marine Corps from 1998 to 2002, and is currently married to Sheila Stodghill and has four girls; Sheabree, Tenae, Rachelle and Catum. Sheila attended OPSU from 2002-2005. Martha's daughter, Brandy Scott Tharp married Mitch Tharp. Brandy and Mitch both attended OPSU and have two children, Parker and Lakin. Brandy has been a nurse for 10 years. She teaches Bible school at St. Peter's Catholic Church and works at Heritage Community in Guymon. Martha is currently married to Rick Bledsoe. Rick is a 1994 OPSU graduate with a degree in industrial technology and a minor in computer science. Rick has two children, Kirk Bledsoe and Amber Bledsoe Neese. Kirk is head of the men's department at Dillard's in Amarillo. Amber is a shift manager at McDonald's in Logan, W.V. She has a daughter, MyKalia and a 1-year-old grandson. Together, Rick and Martha have four children and ten grandchildren and one great grandson. Martha currently works at Slater Medical Arts Clinic in Guymon.

William "Bill" Christopher Tuttle, the youngest family member, worked for OPSU in 1997. Bill Tuttle has worked for the Oklahoma State Highway Department for the last fifteen years and enjoys fishing, woodworking, music, and helping others.

John and Slokey, and the entire Tuttle family appreciate the opportunity to be the 2012 Honored Family.



John C. Tuttle

John C. Tuttle, 86, passed away early Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at the Dunaway Manor.

The son of Minnie (Conover) and Fred Tuttle, he was born February 18, 1927 in Hooker, Oklahoma. John graduated from Hooker High School in 1945 and then served in the United States Army during World War II. He was united in marriage to Emogene K. (Slokey) Brandkamp on September 28, 1947.

John and Slokey raised their family in Guymon, and John worked until retirement for the Michigan-Wisconsin, now El Paso Gas Plant. Following retirement, John and Slokey headed to the mountains and lived in LaVeta, Colorado for 15 years before returning to Guymon. John was a devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and was active in the Knights of Columbus. In 2012, Oklahoma Panhandle State University named the Tuttles as the "OPSU Honored Family."

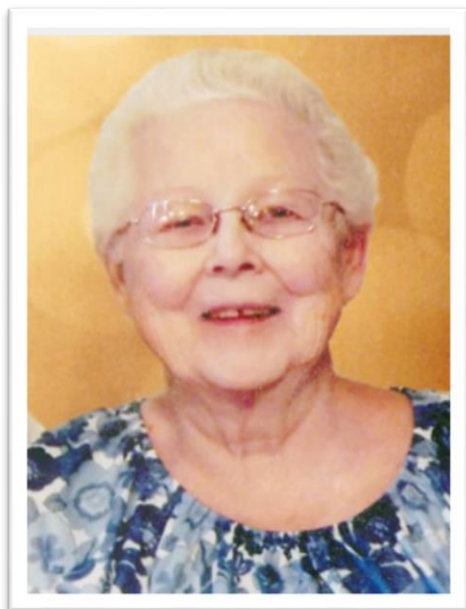
Survivors include his bride of more than 65 years, Slokey Tuttle; 8 children, Connie and husband, Robert Conner of Enid, OK; Dottie and husband, Robert Post, John Tuttle and wife, Jennifer, Steve Tuttle and wife, Rita, all of Guymon; Sara and husband, Hassan Khammash of Arlington, Texas; Fred, Martha and husband, Rick Bledsoe; and Bill Tuttle, all of Guymon. They are also blessed with 16 grandchildren, Greg Stelzer, Tony Stelzer, Todd Post, Robert Post, III, Rachael Souders, Chris Tuttle, Kathy Dunlap, Janessa Brown, Nick Tuttle, Kim Tuttle, Jeff Lowery, Connie Mikla, Katy Tuttle, Josh Tuttle, Andy Scott, Brandy Tharp; 21 great grandchildren; several step grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Win Tuttle and Bob Tuttle; a sister Fredys McAnarney; and two grandchildren.

A Rosary will be said Friday evening, 7:00 P.M., at the Henson-Novak Funeral Chapel, 501 NW Fifth. Mass of Christian Burial will be Saturday morning, 10:00 A.M. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1220 North Quinn, Guymon, with Father Mike Wheelahan, officiating. Military rites will follow in Elmhurst Cemetery.

Viewing will be Thursday, 1-8 PM and 9 AM -8 PM Friday.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Peter's Catholic Church or Loaves and Fishes Food Cupboard, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.



Emogene K. "Slokey" Tuttle

Emogene K. "Slokey" Tuttle, 84, passed away early Tuesday, November 26, 2013, in Guymon. She had been living with her granddaughter and son-in-law, Brandy and Mitch Tharp.

The daughter of Katherine (Adrian) and Lawrence S. Brandkamp, she was born February 15, 1929 in Hooker, Oklahoma. Slokey graduated from Hooker High School and was united in marriage to John C. Tuttle on September 28, 1947. John and Slokey raised their family in Guymon, and in addition to being a wife and

mother, Slokey worked as a lab and x-ray technician for Dr. William Oxley for many years.

Following retirement, John and Slokey headed to the mountains and lived in LaVeta, Colorado for 15 years before returning to Guymon. In LaVeta, they were active at Christ the King Catholic Church. In Guymon, Slokey was a devoted member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, shared her gift of music as an organist for many years and was active in with the Catholic Women. In 2012, Oklahoma Panhandle State University named the Tuttles as the "OPSU Honored Family."

Slokey was always active in her family's life, whether it be a Cub Scout Leader, teaching her children and grandchildren crafts, gardening, cooking or canning. She enjoyed the life of her family and church.

Survivors include her 8 children, Connie and husband, Robert Conner of Enid, OK; Dottie and husband, Robert Post of San Diego, CA; John Tuttle and wife, Jennifer, Steve Tuttle and wife, Rita, all of Guymon; Sara and husband, Hassan Khammash of Arlington, Texas; Fred, Martha and husband, Rick Bledsoe; and Bill Tuttle, of Guymon; and a half-sister, Deloris Roth of California. She is also blessed with 16 grandchildren, Greg Stelzer, Tony Stelzer, Todd Post, Robert Post, III, Rachael Souders, Chris Tuttle, Kathy Dunlap, Janessa Brown, Nick Tuttle, Kim Tuttle, Jeff Lowery, Connie Mikla, Katy Tuttle, Josh Tuttle, Andy Scott, Brandy Tharp; 21 great grandchildren; several step grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, John Tuttle who passed away July 23, 2013; and two grandchildren.

A Rosary will be said Friday morning, November 29th, 10:00 A.M. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1220 North Quinn, Guymon. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday afternoon, 2:00 P.M., at St. Peter's Catholic Church, with Father Mike Wheelahan, officiating. Burial will follow in Elmhurst Cemetery under the care of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors. Following the graveside services there will be a reception for family and friends at the Parish Hall.

Viewing will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, 1-8 PM. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Peter's Catholic Church or Loaves and Fishes Food Cupboard, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.