



George Gunars Bekeris

April 9, 2017

Bekeris, George Gunars Beloved husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, age 91 of Edina, formerly of Minnetonka, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on April 9, 2017. Preceded in death by his parents, Voldemars and Herta. Survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruta (Ruth); daughters, Anita (Tom) Pederstuen, Ingrid (Kevin) Highland; 4 grandsons, Karl (Caley Jorgensen) and Tyler Pederstuen, Dan and Evan Highland. Born in Riga, Latvia, he immigrated to the U.S. in 1949. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry. George had a successful 30 year career in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service both in Minnesota and Washington D.C. Retirement did not last long, as he became an appraiser for the MN DNR for the next 10 years. He enjoyed being outdoors hunting & fishing, especially with his two black lab companions. George had a long & happy life that included family (U.S. & Latvia), friends and travel. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, who always wanted the best for him and his family. He passed on his life's values to his family, including his gentleness, quick wit and sense of humor Gunars/George, Dad, Papa/Grandpa will be greatly missed. Visitation 6-8 PM Thursday, April 20; Memorial Service 11 AM Friday, April 21, with visitation 1 hour prior to the Service, both to be held at Latvian Ev. Lutheran Church, 3152 17th Ave S., Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to Latvian Ev. Lutheran Church. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Mpls & St. Paul
3152 17th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Memorial

APR **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned today of George's passing through the usfws newsletter that I receive by e-mail. My condolences to the entire family. George and I go back quite aways. When the Fish & Wildlife Service created Area Offices throughout the United States in 1977, George was selected as the Area Manager headquartered in St. Paul. At the time, I was the manager of the Frankfort National Fish Hatchery in Kentucky. We were hearing rumors that the hatchery would be closing, so I applied for the job of Fishery Biologist in the St. Paul Area Office. George interviewed me and we hit it off, so he offered me the job and I was elated to be coming back home. (My wife and I both grew up in St. Paul). It was a pleasure to serve under George's wing, as he believed in staff being responsible for the field stations under their control. He loved to fish. He and I made an inspection trip to the new Iron River lake trout hatchery in Wisconsin. He couldn't wait until after work when we set out to go trout fishing in the famous Brule River. He only caught a couple of suckers but I came through with a couple trout which I gave to him to take home. He told me later that they were wonderful. On a personal note, George was always on the side of field stations, especially the National Wildlife Refuges, and was instrumental in acquired an immense amount of wetlands and habitat for wildlife. He will be missed by all of his colleagues and project leaders throughout the midwest states. God Bless you All!

Sincerely,

John W. Quam, Fishery Biologist, Retired

John Quam - June 15, 2017 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Your Trauma Services Colleagues at HCMC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George Gunars Bekeris.*



Your Trauma Services Colleagues at HCMC - April 19, 2017 at 09:51 AM