



Gordon Means

August 15, 2010

Means, Gordon Paul Passed away Aug. 12 at home, aged 83, peacefully in his sleep, after a short but courageous battle with ALS. Survived by his devoted wife, Laurel; four children, Kristin, Norval (Lalla), Erik (Anne), and Kala; stepchildren, Adrian Braswell, Julia Reiners (Paul), and Eric Braswell; eight grandchildren; his sisters, Virginia Means Rowe, Mariel Means Ames (Ned), and Charlotte Means-Shields (Charles); and many loving nephews and nieces. He was proud of his Navy service during WWII and of his and his parents' dedication to the Sengoi people of Malaysia. An internationally recognized scholar for research and publications in Southeast Asian politics and sociology, and listed among the most outstanding intellectuals of the 21st century, Gordon taught at, among others, the universities of Washington, Iowa, McMaster (Canada), Sumatra, Beijing, Singapore, Malaya, Hamlin, Gustavus Adolphus, and the University of Minnesota's Institute of International Studies. He lived his life to the fullest, enjoying family camping in his little Scamp, canoeing in the Boundary Waters, fast-paced golfing, or competing even faster on the tennis court. He was an active member of Discovery United Methodist Church, Chanhassen. Generous with both knowledge and hands on help, he will long be remembered for his wisdom, humor, and unerring practical sense. The family is grateful for his comforting Hospice care, especially Nurse Marci, and for the concerns and expertise of Dr. David Haugland, Lakeview Clinic. A memorial service in celebration of his remarkable life is planned for mid-September, details to follow, with inurnment

at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel
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