



Kenneth A. Gilles

June 2, 2016

Kenneth A. Gilles, 94, of Scottsbluff, died Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the Residency Care Center in Scottsbluff. At his request cremation has taken place. He will be laid to rest at Hillside Cemetery in Minneapolis. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences, University of Minnesota Foundation.

He was born March 6, 1922 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, growing up in the family home on University Ave. in northeast Minneapolis. He attended both Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota, graduating with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He enlisted in the Navy and served aboard the USS Denver in the western Pacific during WWII. He married Beverly Barrows on July 1, 1944. Following his service, he returned home and worked for Pillsbury before returning to school. He obtained his PhD in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota and then worked for General Mills doing research. They moved to Fargo where he worked at North Dakota State University, first as chairman of the Cereal Chemistry and Technology Department, overseeing numerous graduate students, and later was Vice President for Agricultural Affairs. They moved to Washington, DC when he was appointed director of

the Federal Grain Inspection Service and later served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Inspection Services, USDA, in the Reagan Administration. Following retirement, he continued doing some consulting work and volunteer work with VOCA. They retired to Texas, but spent summers at the cabin in Minnesota. They moved to Scottsbluff in 2003 to be closer to family because of health concerns. He was a professor emeritus from NDSU, and Past president of the AACCC. He was editor-in-chief of Cereal Chemistry magazine and published numerous scientific articles and contributed chapter to many books on food science and science policy. He was a member of numerous professional scientific organizations, El Zagal Shrine in Fargo, NARFE, and St. Francis Episcopal Church in Scottsbluff. Memorial service 2pm Monday, August 29, with visitation one hour prior at

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