



Knute Axel Gilbertson

April 8, 1931 - February 11, 2024

Gilbertson, Knute Axel of Minnetonka, MN died on February 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Methodist Hospital surrounded by family. Knute is survived by a son Mark (Mary) Gilbertson, Maple Grove, MN; a daughter Ann (Brian) Fitzgerald, San Jose, CA; grandchildren Brittany Gilbertson; Brenton (Angela) Gilbertson; Trey Fitzgerald; and Jakobe Fitzgerald; and great-grandchildren Axel and Liliana Gilbertson. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years Joann Gilbertson; two infant daughters Sara, 1960 and Sondra, 1961; his parents Axel and Ella Gilbertson, Galesville, WI; brother Stanley Gilbertson; and sister Beatrice Ranieri.

Knute was born April 8, 1931 in Galesville, WI in the family home his father had constructed two years earlier. He was educated in the Galesville school system graduating from Galesville High School in 1949. He enrolled at LaCrosse State Teachers College planning to pursue a career teaching history. After one year he transferred to Luther College, Decorah, IA where he graduated in 1953 with a major in business administration.

He served for two years in the United States Army as Technical Sergeant in Special Intelligence. After his service, he returned to the LaCrosse, WI area where he was employed by the State of Wisconsin for four years and then moved to Ames, IA where he was employed for ten years as the plant personnel manager at Bourns, Inc., an electronic component facility. The

family relocated to Minnetonka, MN in 1969 where Knute was employed in the computer and communications industries by Control Data Corp for 24 years, PeopleNet Communications Corp for 15 years, and RTT Mobile Interpretation for six years. His professional management and executive experience was in Human Resources and Administration.

He was an active member of Minnetonka Lutheran Church for 55 years, a Rotarian in Iowa, a member of the Izaak Walton League, a golfer, hunter, and to those who knew him, an encyclopedia of history, geography, and interesting facts.

A special thanks to the staff of Methodist Hospital and Amira Choice Minnetonka for their support. Service will be 12:30 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2024 with visitation 90 minutes prior at the Minnetonka Campus of Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 16023 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN. Internment services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at Pine Cliff Cemetery, Galesville, WI near his wife and infant daughters.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka Campus
16023 Minnetonka Boulevard
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Church Service

FEB **23**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ Carrie and Paul purchased the *Written in the Stars* for the family of Knute Axel Gilbertson.



Carrie and Paul - February 20, 2024 at 01:08 PM

AT

“ Anitalynn T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Knute Axel Gilbertson.

Anitalynn T. - February 19, 2024 at 05:11 PM

AK

“ Audrey & Ken purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Knute Axel Gilbertson.



Audrey & Ken - February 19, 2024 at 12:53 PM

TF

“ The Albert's, Punda's, and Fitzgerald's purchased the *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* for the family of Knute Axel Gilbertson.



The Albert's, Punda's, and Fitzgerald's - February 18, 2024 at 04:13 PM

KN

“ Knute, Joann, & Annie were wonderful, loving neighbors to us on Spring Crest Drive.

My favorite memory of Knute was when Annie missed curfew one night and he had her out washing her White Walls on her vehicle at 8 am the next morning.

He also lovingly renamed my daughter's (Tommy & Ralph) after their Tommy Hilfiger & Ralph Lauren T -shirts. They got such a big kick out of him!

I know he is with Lynn & Keith in Heaven right now. I see the light. You are all so Loved.

Kimberly Nord-Nash

Kimberly Nord-Nash - February 18, 2024 at 02:25 PM

WM

Many years ago, Knute and Joanne were dinner guests with three other couples, at our home in Burnsville. I had prepared a dinner that included elk, venison, pheasant and brook trout for four guest couples, and the invitation had referred to it as a "wild-game dinner".

When Knute and Joanne showed up at the door, Knute was dressed in a coon skin cap, a long trapper's coat, and high rubber boots. He was carrying a shotgun in one hand and a rubber featherless chicken in the other.

That memory will last a lifetime. Knute was one of our favorite people. Wes and Char Mader

Wesley M Mader - February 20, 2024 at 05:58 PM