

## Delmar W. Gildersleeve

Delmar W. Gildersleeve, 79, of Fennimore, Wisc., and formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday Feb. 5, 2012, at the Banner Baywood Medical Center in Mesa, Ariz.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 10, at Fennimore United Methodist Church with the Rev. Duane Andrus officiating. Organist was Sandy Henkel, and special music was provided by Randy and Sandy Gildersleeve. Casket bearers were Bob Birkenholz, Wayne Birkenholz, Denny Damman, Dave Kaisand, Dan Smith and Ron White. Honorary bearers were Dave Cauffman Sr., Jim Kretschman, Charles Schrader and Roger White.

Interment of cremains will occur at a later date at Prairie Cemetery in Fennimore, with military honors by Whitish-Funk American Legion Post #184. Arrangements are being handled by Larson Family Funeral Home in Fennimore and Soman-Larson Funeral Home in Monfort, Wisc.,

He was born on June 16, 1932, in Newton, the son of Ola and Margret Mulbrook Gildersleeve. He grew up on a farm in rural Grinnell, and following graduation from Grinnell High School in 1949, Delmar enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served from 1951 during the Korean War until being honorable discharged in 1954.

When he returned home, Delmar was united in marriage with Marie G. Koger on Aug. 21, 1955, in Grinnell and they farmed in Iowa before moving to Wisconsin. They purchased a farm in the Dodgeville area in 1959

and farmed there until 1966, then moved to rural Fennimore where they farmed until retiring in 2002.

He was a member of the Fennimore Railroad Museum, Grant Co. Farm Bureau, and the Fennimore United Methodist Church. Delmar enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada in their motor home and loved spending the winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Delmar is survived by his wife, Marie Gildersleeve, of Fennimore; their four children, Rhonda Gildersleeve of Boscobel, Wisc., Randall Gildersleeve of Forest Lake, Minn., Thomas Gildersleeve of Lancaster, Wisc., and Teresa Mead of Bloomer, Wisc.; seven grandchildren; and his sister, Phyllis Smith of Grinnell.

Delmar was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister, Doris Gildersleeve; and another sister, Bayonne Birkenholz.

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