

C. Edwin Gilmour

Ed Gilmour, 79, of Fairhope, Ala., formerly of Grinnell, died April 25 in Fairhope.

He requested no funeral or memorial service, and his body has been donated for research.

He was retired from Grinnell College where he was a professor and chairman of the Political Science Department from 1960 to 1978. He was also director of the Program in Practical Political Education at the college. He had been a visiting professor at Iowa State University, the University of Missouri, Carleton College and the University of Bombay in India.

Prof. Gilmour earned a B.A. degree from Westminster College, an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and M.G.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

He served as an Iowa state senator for four years and twice was a candidate for Congress. He was a member of the governor's cabinet and was the first state director of the War on Poverty from 1964 to 1965. He was an officer of the Democratic Party at the precinct, county, congressional and state levels.

Prof. Gilmour had four extended stays in India. He served there as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, as a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Bombay in 1970-1971 and again in 1974-1975, and as a visiting professor of American political processes at the University of Bombay from 1979 to 1984.

He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell and, while in Fairhope, the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Libby; his daughter, Tori Gilmour of Lubbock, Texas; one son, Keith of Maracaibo, Venezuela; a daughter, Betsy of Maple Grove, Minn.; and three grandchildren.

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