

Gale Clawson, 82

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Gale W. Clawson, 82, Montevideo, Minn., formerly of Groton, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993. The funeral was held Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993 at the United Methodist Church, Montevideo, Minn., with the Rev. Robert Ford officiating. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Montevideo, Minn., with arrangements by the Wing-Bian Funeral Home, Montevideo.

Gale W. Clawson was born at Groton, S.D., February 1, 1911 to Harry and Emma (Smith) Clawson. After graduating from Groton High School, he attended the Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., graduating in 1933 with a B.A. in Business Administration.

He married Theodora R. Campbell in 1933 at Montevideo. Before coming to Montevideo he was employed by Firestone Tire and Rubber co., Minneapolis, Owatonna and Worthington. He entered into a partnership in the Campbell Implement Co., Montevideo, in 1941. He sold his interest in the business to his partner, Leslie Campbell in 1959. He took a position of Business Manager of Montevideo Clinic. He remained in that position for 17 years, until his retirement in 1976.

He was past president of the Montevideo Jr. Chamber of Commerce, appointed to the original City Planning Commission in 1946, and remained as chairman of that commission until he was appointed to the Urban Renewal Board in 1960. He served on the City Charter Commission in rewriting the City Charter, served as a member of the Board of Directors of Brookside Manor during the early years of its existence, past president of Montevideo Kiwanis Club where he held every office in that organization. He served as a member of the Montevideo Board of Education for 12 years, acting as clerk and treasurer. He was one of the organizers of the Montevideo Fiesta, serving as general chairman in 1948 and 1949, and was president of Fiesta, Inc. for the first 25 years. Appointed to the County Planning Commission representing the City of Montevideo United Methodist Church. He served as a counselor with SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) for the Small Business Administration for eight years after retiring.

Gale is survived by his wife, Theodora; two daughters, Mrs. Gary (Patricia) Gilsrud, Harvard, Ill., and Mrs. Timothy (Natalie) Rice, Minneapolis; three sons, Dr. C. Carlyle Clawson, St. Paul; Thomas Clawson, Albert Lea, Minn., and Michael Clawson, Minneapolis; 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Sandra Joy, in 1945; two grandsons, Mark Clawson and Jimmie Vosika; one great grandson, Jacob Gale Hoey; two sisters and one brother.

Honorary casketbearers were Montevideo Kiwanis Club members, Dr. Bill Owens, Joe Hutton Jr., Tom Hutton, Oliver Rekow and Richard Wing. Active casketbearers were Dr. Tom Birkey, Norman DeGree, Elroy Dragsten, Dr. Norman Hagberg, Marlyn Slettum and Keith Hein.

Organists were Nona Thompson and John Miller, and soloists were Becky Garetz and Barbara Smith.