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DeCramer, Gary Michael



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67, of Mendota Heights, died suddenly March 7, 2012, in Morris, MN. Born full of joy in Marshall, MN, Sep. 13, 1944, to Bertha and Mike DeCramer, Gary grew up

on the family farm near Ghent, MN. Gary earned degrees from Univ. of St. Thomas and Univ. of Oklahoma, represented southwest MN in the MN Senate (1983-93), directed USDA Rural Development for MN (1997-2001), and taught at U of M Humphrey School since 2002. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Estelle Brouwer; daughters, Katie, Louise and Leila Vance (Chris); mother, Bertha; sisters, Pat Lenz (John) and Sherry Anderson (Harry); grandchildren, Tessa, Chris, Nick, Elisa, Natalie and AnnMarie Vance; his Oklahoma family, the Chalepahs; and many beloved friends, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, students and former students, colleagues, and a special dog named Lucy. Memorial service Tues., March 20, 4 PM, Ted Mann Concert Hall, U of M. Memorials preferred to Unity Church Unitarian, St. Paul, or U of M Humphrey School.