

Gordon Kiddoc

Gordon Kiddoo, 91, a resident of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina died Saturday, February 25, 2012 at his home after a short illness.

He was the son of Guy C. Kiddoo and Helen Sorenson Kiddoo and the husband of Lois Ford Kiddoo.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, he was raised on the North Shore of Chicago and graduated from New Trier Township High School in 1938. He attended Cornell University and received a five-year chemical engineering degree in 1943. During WWII and for several years thereafter he worked with a consortium of major oil and gas companies on

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thetic gasoline and chemical from natural gas. Thereafter he spent his career in the chemical and petroleum industries in a series of executive positions with International Research Corporation, Cambridge, MA; Air Products and Chemicals, Allentown, PA; and The Standard Oil Company, Cleveland, OH.

After his retirement in 1978 he and his wife lived in Sanibel, FL, Brevard, NC, and Hilton Head Island, SC. During his working career he was a regular tennis and squash player and during his retirement years he resumed golf and swimming and became a sculler. For many years, during both his business life and in retirement, he was active in Cornell alumni affairs and in a variety of civic and charitable activities. He was a life member of the Nantuxet Conservation Foundation and of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. He was also active in the Sons of the American Revolution, The Heritage Library Foundation, and the Sigma Phi Society. He was particularly interested in the challenge of providing affordable housing for persons of limited means.

He was predeceased by his wife and is survived by three children: Nancy MacBarron of San Dimas, CA, Stephen Kiddoo of Manhattan Beach and LaQuinta CA, and Kevin Kiddoo of New York City. He survived by seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren and by his sister and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Herman Froeb of LaJolla, CA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, PO Box 3827, Bluffton, SC, 29910.

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements. Online at www.theislandfuneralhome.com.