H. Giles Schmid
(Died April 11, 2015)

H. Giles Schmid, 82, of Winona, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at Sauer Healthcare in Winona, MN, after a lengthy decline in health. He was born on September 11, 1932 in St. Paul, MN to John August and Nellie Suzanne (Giles) Schmid, the sixth in a family of ten children.

Giles grew up in St Paul, MN. He graduated from Cretin High School in St. Paul in 1950. After high school, he entered the Christian Brothers becoming Brother Henry Giles. For nearly 20 years, he taught high school students in Chicago, Memphis, Kansas City, St. Louis and Winona. As a Brother, he earned a PhD in Business Management in 1967 from the University of Minnesota.

However, something was missing. While taking a leave of absence from the Brothers in 1969, he visited his sister Jeannine in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jeannine had also answered a call to serve others through education as a Glenmary Sister. Living and teaching Montessori with Jeannine was Marguerite O’Connor, a former Sister of Notre Dame. Marguerite has always said she fell in love with Giles before she even met him, because of the way Jeannine described him and stories she told about their childhood, his faith and his journey. Giles and Marguerite married in June, 1971. They were happily married for 43 years. They have 2 children whom they raised in Winona, and 5 grandchildren.

Giles spent the majority of his teaching career at Winona State University where he became a tenured faculty member teaching Business Administration courses. He was one of the loudest cheerleaders at sporting events, and fancied himself as an entertainer. Giles took extreme pleasure in making family photo albums. He was constantly planning travel adventures in retirement. Giles and Marguerite traveled to Europe, Asia, Central America, Alaska and Egypt, making friends and happy memories along the way.

Giles was preceded in death by his parents John August and Nellie Schmid, his brothers John August, Neil, Jim, and his sister Jeannine. Giles is survived by his spouse Marguerite, of Winona, MN; his son John Giles Schmid (Georgia) of Boulder, CO, and his three children Giles Andrew, George August, and Juniper Olive Schmid; his daughter Anna Marguerite Schmid, MD (Don Song) of Cape Elizabeth, ME, and their two children Esme Marguerite and Charles Henry Song; and his loving brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and numerous other relatives.

A mass will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at the Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home, 201 Mankato Ave., Winona. The Reverend Kathy Redig will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery, 1333 Homer Road, Winona. A visitation will be held from 6 PM until 8 PM, on Friday, April 17, 2015, at the Watkowski-Mulyck Funeral Home, and again on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 10 AM until the time of the mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Christian Brothers at St. Mary’s University in Winona, MN, The Christian Brothers of the Midwest, and St. Stephen’s Catholic School in St. Paul, MN. Online condolences or memories may be left for Giles’ family at www.watkowski-mulyck.com