

Obituaries

Gerald W. Van Gilst, forester

Gerald W. Van Gilst, 92, who retired in 1980 after 36 years with the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, died Oct. 11 at his home in Lake Ridge, Va. He had complications following a stroke, said a son, Mark Van Gilst.

Gerald Warner Van Gilst was born on a farm near Newton, Iowa, and served in the Army during World War II. Early in his career, he held forestry positions in Alaska and Wisconsin and was a past secretary of the National Forest Reservation Commission. He was the Forest Service's director of lands when he retired in 1980. He was a longtime resident of Annandale, Va., and a member of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Springfield.

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