

## Milo Kottas, 80

Dec. 14, 1915 - Sept. 27, 1996

**LINCOLN, NE** - Milo Kottas, a member of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, was the fourth of five sons born to Fred Kottas, Jr., and Vlasta Kolar Kottas. He was born on a farm adjoining Milligan Dec. 14, 1915. At an early age, he learned to deal with the public, delivering milk and cream to customers in town. He attended the Milligan Public Schools, graduating in 1933. He attended the University of Nebraska, receiving a degree from the College of Pharmacy in 1938. Upon graduation, he took a position as a chemist with Smith-Dorsey Company, now Sandoz Pharmaceuticals.

June 7, 1941, he married Mary Evelyn Hibbard of Kearney, NE. To this union six children were born. Dec. 18, 1941, he volunteered for service in the United States Navy, but was turned down because he was married. He later was drafted into the Navy, serving at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. When he was discharged, he took a position as a pharmacist with Boyden Pharmacy in Lincoln, where he had previously worked as a relief pharmacist. In 1947, he and his wife purchased the drug store at Milligan, which they operated for 41 years. After retiring, they moved to Lincoln, where all of their grandchildren lived.

He participated in many activities involving public service. He was a charter member and former president of the United Wholesale and Retail Department Stores of America Local #400-CIO, charter member and president of Fillmore County Hospital Board which built the Fillmore County Hospital, charter member of the Fillmore County Mental Health Association, president of the Milligan Community Club, secretary of the Milligan Road Improvement Group, service officer and 50 year member of American Legion Post #240, member of the Milligan Board of Health, member of the Fillmore County Red Cross board of directors, president of the school board of District #71, member of the National Association of Retail Druggists, member of the Nebraska Pharmacists Association, life member of the University of Nebraska Alumni Association, dispatcher for the Milligan Fire Department and Rescue Unit, and aided in the formation of the Milligan Public School Foundation.

Besides being active in community affairs, he was an 8 gallon blood donor, co-owner of a participating share in the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, and an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy. He was fortunate that his health allowed him not to miss more than 10 days in the 50 years he was active in the practice of pharmacy. He died Sept. 27, 1996 at age 80.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Edward. He is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Mike (Kathy) of San Antonio, TX; Gene (Colleen) of Lincoln and Joe (Kay) of Lincoln; Father Charles of Co. Bluffs and Bob of Omaha; daughter, Mary (Don) Bougger of Lincoln; eight grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and his brothers, Harry of Steeleville, IL and Otto (Jaramilla) and Frederick (Angel) of Milligan.

Funeral Mass was celebrated by his son, Father Charles Kottas, at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Park.