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### William W. Warner



While on a hunting trip near St. Cloud, Florida, on Sunday, December 16, 1962, William W. Warner was killed by another hunter in a tragic accident. Warner was on his way home to Key West, Florida from a fall meeting of the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association.

Warner attended the University of Florida where he received his degree in Entomology. He was active in student government, the Newell Entomological Society and Delta Chi Social Fraternity. A native Key Wester, he became the first Director of the Monroe County Anti-Mosquito District in 1951. At the age of twenty six he was elected as the youngest president to serve the Florida Anti-Mosquito Association. In addition he was an active member of the Florida Entomological Society, the Entomological Society of America, and the Hyacinth Control Society of Florida.

Bill, as he was affectionately known by his friends and co-workers, was a respected man in professional and civic circles. He had several publications including his vertical drainage system in the Florida Keys. He was a pioneer in adopting new ideas to enhance his program. He was a true servant of the people, a human dynamo working for the public good. In addition to serving the Board of Commissioners of the Mosquito Control District he took on a second public job as Civil Defense Director two years ago under an appointment from the County Commission. In that capacity he took spare time to teach personal survival courses. He was a frequent speaker at civic functions and in 1960 he appeared on a symposium on mosquito control held in Boston at the American Mosquito Control Association annual meeting.

Warner was active in civic affairs in Key West. He was a founder and Past President of the Monroe County Young Democrats, Past President of the Key West Kiwanis Club, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and had served as Choir Leader of the St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church, where his funeral services were held.

He is survived by his wife Marger children, William, Jr., Mark, and Leslie Ann; his mother, Judge Eva Warner Gibson of Key West; a grandmother, Mrs. L. R. Warner of Pittsburgh and a half brother, Jose Torano of West Palm Beach.

All who knew this outstanding young man will miss his presence.

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