Leland Winegardem, 91

February 1, 2016, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 5, 2016, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. Burial will be held in Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2016, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma with the family present from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River, Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Leland Warner Winegardem, the son of Philip and Helen (Warnem) Winegardem, was born on February 15, 1924, on the kitchen table on their farm east of Deep River. He attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River and his father founded the T.H. Connelly Hardware Store. Leland graduated from Deep River High School in 1942. After high school graduation, Leland joined the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator and was discharged on Christmas Day, 1942. Leland then enrolled in the Iowa State College, Ames, IA for engineering. He later joined his father at Winegardem Hardware and was a plumber and an electrician for the remainder of his life.

Leland married Norma, Grant, at the Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa on April 3, 1948. They lived above the hardware store and raised their three children, Marsha, David and John. Norma died of cancer in 1977. Leland married Lois Widmer on August 18, 1978, at the United Church in Deep River, Iowa. This union, Jennifer Lynn, was born. The couple did a lot of traveling and visited each of the continental 48 states, Alaska, Canada and Hawaii. Leland attended many sports events of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Leland was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River. He was an active member of the Morrison-Schneider 296 American Legion and the last survivor of WWII Veterans in Deep River. He was active in the community serving as President of the Deep River Telephone Company when fiber optics and cable TV were installed; a City Council Member and Mayor when the sewer system was installed; and for a time served as Fire Chief of the Deep River Fire Department. At the age of 65, Leland and Lois built a new home with the help of their family.


He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma; his parents, Philip and Helen Winegardem; sister, Jean and brother-in-law, Charles Montross and an infant brother, Stanley.