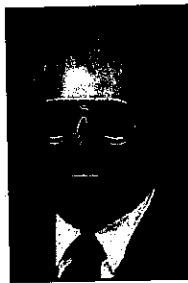


Richard "Dean" Fontinel, 87

Richard "Dean" Fontinel, 87, of Victor, died on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at Rose Haven Nursing Home in Marengo.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, June 11, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with the Rev. Jim Davis, pastor of the Victor New Covenant Parish officiating. Inurnment will be at the Victor Memorial Cemetery.



Dean was born on July 1, 1924, to the parents of Alfred and Laurabelle Carter Fontinel in Albia. He was raised in several communities in the surrounding area, residing primarily in Victor.

Dean served in the United States Navy during World War II as a first class seaman and he was stationed overseas throughout most of military career. Following the war, he returned to Victor and became associated with his father in the family business, Fontinel Produce. He later purchased and ran the business. When he sold the business, he joined Kinze Manufacturing in Marengo and worked as an assembly supervisor. He retired in 1980.

On Aug. 13, 1979, he was united in marriage to Wilma "Jean" Mason in Leslie, Ark. Dean enjoyed traveling to California to visit his family and one of his most memorable trips was to Alaska after his retirement. He had a passion for hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Dean was a 65 year member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion.

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