

DEEP RIVER RESIDENT

Leland Winegarden, 91



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Leland Warner Winegarden, the son of Phillip and Helen (Warner) Winegarden, was born on February 15, 1924 on the kitchen table on their farm east of Deep River in Dayton Township, Iowa County, Iowa. He attended Dayton Center Rural School until 1938 when the family moved to Deep River and his father bought the T.H. Connell 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 Winegarden Hardware and was a plumber and an electrician for the remainder of his life.

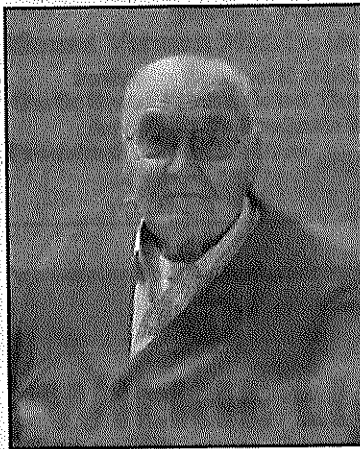
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Leland was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Deep River, IA. He was a 70 year member of the Morrison-Schrader 296 American Legion and the last surviving WWII Veteran living in Deep River. He was active in the community serving as President 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 sons.

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