

Daniel S. Lee
Gwinner, North Dakota

Daniel Sander Lee, Gwinner, passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in the Lisbon Hospital at the age of 86.

Born March 1, 1920, in Gwinner, to Lyda and Sander E. Lee, Dan grew up and graduated from high school in Gwinner. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from North Dakota Agricultural College (NDSU) and attended law school at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. On March 25, 1942, he married Pauline Juhlke in Alameda, California.

Dan served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a naval aviator flying anti-submarine warfare. He received naval aviation training in Pensacola, Florida. His significant tours of duty included Newfoundland, Iceland, Curacao, South Carolina, and California. The significant awards Dan received included the Air Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Presidential Unit Citation with Star. After the war, he served seventeen years in the U.S. Naval Air Reserve. Dan retired at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

From 1947 to 1955, Dan owned and operated Lee's Food Market in Page, North Dakota. He then moved to Gwinner where he continued the business his father had begun in 1907 as an independent insurance and real estate agent. Dan was clerk of the North Sargent School Board for twenty-five years. He was an active member of his church, American Legion Post 191, and Gwinner Businessmen. In 1971, he was an organ transplant pioneer when he donated a kidney to his son.

In his leisure time, Dan enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, camping, and playing bridge. He took great pride in his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandson, and extended family.

Dan is survived by his spouse of sixty-four years, Pauline; a son, Daniel Jr., Roseville, MN; four daughters, Sandra (Robert) Chapin, Snyder, CO, Mary (John) Edman, Gwinner, Paula (Michael) Miller, Frankfort, IL, Marva (Timothy) Fairchild, East Grand Forks, MN; a brother, Sander (Katie), Marietta, GA; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sister, Margaret; and his brothers, Emmett and Sylvan.

Dan was remembered at a prayer service on April 28, and his funeral was held on April 29 in the church in which he had been baptized and confirmed, Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church. He was buried at the Gwinner Cemetery. Dan will be remembered with love, respect, and treasured memories.