



## Leland "Lee" Gail Currier

August 25, 1934 - December 30, 2020

Leland "Lee" Currier passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

Leland Gail Currier was born to Gilbert Arnold and Lois Auline (Ducharme) Currier in Bellingham, WA on August 25, 1934. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1952 and enlisted in the US Navy. He served his country for 4 years during the Korean War aboard the USS Oriskany. After an honorable discharge, he returned home and attended barber school in Sioux City. Lee owned and operated Lee's Barber Shop in downtown Spirit Lake for 61 years, where he not only cut hair but was able to share tid bits of Lakes area history, local folklore and happenings about the town. In 1961, Lee met the love of his life, Beatrice "Bea" Ann Wills. They wed in Minneapolis on July 28, 1962. To this union Ty and twins Troy and Tara were born.

Lee was a member of Ducks Unlimited and the National Ski Patrolman Association. When time allowed, he enjoyed the great outdoors, sailing and boating on Big Spirit, hunting, fishing, and snow skiing. He also found great enjoyment in his golden retrievers, creating wood carved decoys, and cheering on the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Minnesota Vikings. In his younger days, he was a man of great adventure, flying his Piper Cub over his most loved places, photographing and filming the landscape with his Bell and Howell 8mm movie camera. A highlight of his life was making the trip to

Washington, D.C., escorted by his grandson, on the Midwest Honor Flight in May of 2019.

He is survived by his wife Bea Currier of Spirit Lake, IA; children Ty (Karen) Currier of Spirit Lake, IA; Dr. Troy (Linda) Currier of Dennison, IA; and Tara (Gene) Hofer of Bridgewater, SD; grandchildren Nickolas, Carson, Tanner Hofer, and Jenna Currier; brother Robert (Sylvia) Currier of FL; and sister Mardi Currier of Spencer, IA; brother-in-law Harold (Marlene) Wills; Sister-in-law Barb Wills. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Larry Wills.

Per Lee's wishes, there will be no services held. Memorials can be directed to support a veteran on a Midwest Honor Flight.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant View Cemetery

Hartley, IA 51346

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Pleasant View Cemetery  
Hartley, IA 51346

# Tribute Wall

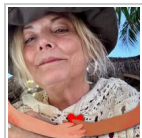
MS

“ Lee was always such a positive, genuine person. He touched many lives. Prayers for his precious family at this tough time. Heaven is Real...& we will see our Loved Ones again...hold onto your Faith.

*Marilyn Strickland*

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**Marilyn Strickland** - January 07, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ My visits to Lee's were always humorous and a bit mystical. He had cut my great grandfather's hair (WR Rumbaugh), my grandfather's hair (Wayne Rumbaugh), was a classmate of my uncles (Wayne and James Rumbaugh) and cut my brother's hair, my husband's hair AND my son's hair. I spent plenty of time in the shop. And Lee LOVED to entertain me with stories (I'm sure he enjoyed entertaining all of us) and even starting good stories (he knew how we would pass them!) I still have the photo of my son's first haircut with Lee. :) My husband and I live in the Twin Cities - but Sean would always come by to see Lee and get a cut! We all LOVED to talk about sailing - as we were scow and ice sailors too. (And he had even built boats with my uncles). My husband, Sean, is also a long time DU member -- so ducks and hunting were also a hot topic. I wish right now I could remember the story he told once when this guy from Terril was in his chair while we waited. I can't recall what the story was, but I do recall that Lee was kind of waiting for me to have an extreme reaction to their discussion - he was waiting for me to choke or clear my throat or start laughing. Thank you to his family for sharing him with all of us. Peace and healing energy from the Wagners in White Bear Lake MN.

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**Melissa Martyr-Wagner** - January 05, 2021 at 03:06 PM

MT

*Lee cut my hair as a youngster (1950's). I can still visualize his shop next to the Royal theater.*

*Dr. Michael Thomas*

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**MICHAEL A THOMAS** - March 28 at 01:21 PM

TO

“ *Although I worked for Lee's competitor at Mckinney's barbershop shining shoes,sweeping and cleaning and selling Berkley's earliest fishing lures Lee was the first and last barber(after moving back to Spirit Lake),until my wife, marcia took over the duties,as a trained stylist; to cut my hair. Loved visiting with Lee about my oldest brother, dick, who also served Korea at the same time and also share thoughts about our beloved lakes area history of which Lee is now a memorable party the story. My condolences and prayers for the family*



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**Terry Osgerby** - January 05, 2021 at 02:39 PM

SS

“ *Sally Scheib lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier*



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**Sally Scheib** - January 05, 2021 at 08:16 AM

CH

“ *In sympathy for your loss.*



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**Clarence and Cheryl Harms** - January 03, 2021 at 10:48 PM

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family. Lee was a great guy and always good to visit with him. My Dad was a customer for years.*



*Dayle Broocks*

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**Dayle Broocks** - January 03, 2021 at 09:14 PM



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**Tara Currier-Hofer** - January 03, 2021 at 08:01 PM

MC

“ *To Bea, Ty, Tara and Troy, My memories are many and he was my brother, yet he was my dear friend and I will miss my visits with him. Loved to go into the shop and just laugh and talk with him. He was my hero and my own private singer. I hold you all in my heart and always will. Love Mardi*

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**MARDI CURRIER** - January 03, 2021 at 02:38 PM



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Tara Currier-Hofer - January 03, 2021 at 01:19 PM



61 year retirement party with Grands and kids

Tara Currier-Hofer - January 03, 2021 at 01:43 PM



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Tara Currier-Hofer - January 03, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ Our sympathy to Lee's family. He was such a friendly caring man.



Alan and Reba Munson - January 03, 2021 at 11:27 AM

CW

“ *Our sympathy to Bea and family. Lee was our downtown neighbor for many years!* ”



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**CONNIE WYMER** - January 03, 2021 at 08:41 AM

KK

“ *Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier* ”



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**Karen Krieger** - January 03, 2021 at 08:36 AM

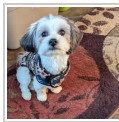


“ *Darcy Schultz lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier* ”



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**Darcy Schultz** - January 02, 2021 at 10:51 PM



*Bea, I am praying for you and your family. We are very sorry for your loss.*

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**Darcy Schultz** - January 02, 2021 at 10:52 PM

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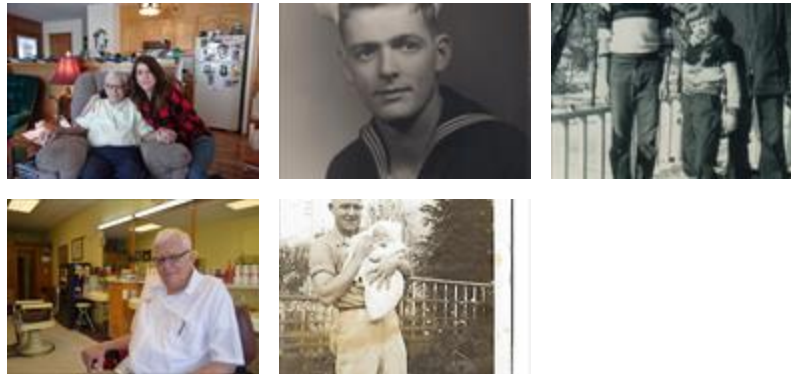
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Nick Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 08:38 PM



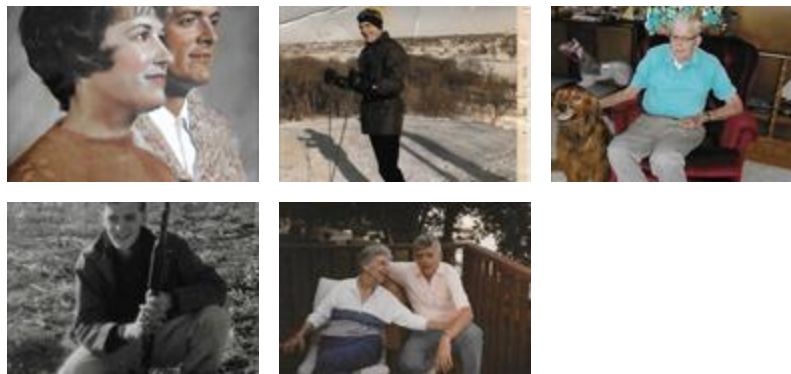
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Tara Currier-Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 07:00 PM



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Tara Currier-Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 06:57 PM



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Tara Currier-Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 06:49 PM



Barber college 1956

Tara Currier-Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ Sending our sincere sympathy to you all, dear people. Lee was a special and loved guy by many! Please know we are keeping you in thoughts and prayers. Don & Marge Gregerson and family.



Don&Marge Gregerson - January 02, 2021 at 06:30 PM



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Tara Currier-Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 06:29 PM



Dad carved duck decoys and this was another goose auctioned at a Duck's Unlimited Banquet.

Tara Currier-Hofer - January 02, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *My Mom, and Brothers and I want to thank everyone who texted, called, stopped by the house, flowers, casseroles, cake, etc. to extend well wishes for our family. All of it was made easier with family and friends. We wish to send a memorial for Midwest Honor Flight to send a Veteran to Washington, DC.*

*The Currier family wishes you all a very Happy New Year 2021!  
Bea, Ty and Karen, Troy, Linda and Jenna, Tara, Gene, Nick,  
Carson and Tanner*

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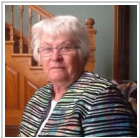
**Tara Currier-Hofer** - January 02, 2021 at 06:16 PM

TB

*We love all of the Curriers. Lee's Mom, had the music store in Spirit Lake where I first taught guitar lessons - the birth of Bedell Guitars. Lee taught me to ski and was my scout leader. Tara help us raise our kids, joined in our family vacations and is like a daughter/sister in our family. The Currier legacy is Big for Sami, Berkley, Ren, Jesse and me...Always and Forever. "Lee may your dry sense of humor entertain souls in heaven as you cut their hair and share your stories." Tom Bedell*

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**Tom Bedell** - January 02, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ *Marlene Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier*



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**Marlene Schmidt** - January 02, 2021 at 01:10 AM

KF

“ Ken And Terri Farmer lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



Ken and Terri Farmer - January 01, 2021 at 10:42 PM

DL

“ My condolences to Lee's family..he was a classmate of my sister Bonnie Meyers and they went to prom together..what might have been but California called Bonnie there.. She spoke of him many times..she passed in 1989..too young...I stopped in Lee's shop a trip back to our hometown of Spirit Lake and reminded him I was Bonnie's lil sister, Dawn..he said yes you were a lil girl when I came to pick her up for the prom.. nice man and nice to share a memory..



Dawn Luzzi - January 01, 2021 at 02:17 PM

  
Shanon  
Kaye

“ Lee was my grandfather's barber for many years. Grandpa always loved going to Lee's shop for his haircut and a chat. Sending love to Bea and the rest of the Currier family.



Shanon Kaye - January 01, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MS

“ Marge Schnneidawind lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



Marge Schnneidawind - January 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM

DK

“ How can we all not remember such fond times of haircuts with Lee! Dad always took us Doocy girls with him when he got his haircuts...and we smile at matching haircuts we girls had cut by Lee too. His shop and Lee have given many smiles to the Lakes Area over the years. Please know that our deepest sympathies are with Lee's family. Lee will certainly be missed!

Diana Doocy Koppen - January 01, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



Norm Meinking - January 01, 2021 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ Jeff & Bev Berkland lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



Jeff & Bev Berkland - January 01, 2021 at 10:01 AM

PB

“ Paul Bakke lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



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**Paul bakke** - January 01, 2021 at 06:33 AM

BW

“ Bev And Vern Wittler lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



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**Bev and Vern Wittler** - December 31, 2020 at 09:05 PM

DK

“ Bea, Sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many friends. It was always interesting to hear his views on stuff. Dale Kimball

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**Dale I. Kimball** - December 31, 2020 at 06:24 PM

PH

“ Lee started cutting what hair I had left when he charged \$8.... Just before he retired my recall is it was \$17. I asked him when he started what he charged..\$1.00...or so, he said. I asked how he could justify such a large increase over the years. His reply, "landlord" keeps upping the rent, plus better now than when I started. I always looked forward to having Lee cut my hair. Made sure to pay him with a Benny. Never said a thing, just pulled out the drawer, easily having cash back handing it to me (he'd never take a tip). As I walked out the door I'd admonish him to report all cash receipts to the IRS. My bet is he did. Only Beatie knows for sure and Julie and I offer her our sincere condolences.

*Paul & Julie Hedberg.*

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**Paul Hedberg** - December 31, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Lee. The boys were just talking the other day about getting a haircuts from Lee and then getting a soda from his Vikings pop machine when they were done with the haircut. You all are in our thoughts and prayers and please let us know if you need anything.  
Cornwalls

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**Stacie Cornwall** - December 31, 2020 at 02:41 PM

BS

“ Bob And Kate Shaw lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



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**Bob and Kate Shaw** - December 31, 2020 at 11:35 AM

PM

“ So sorry to hear of Lee's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with your family at this sad time.

*Pat & Jeff Messerole*

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**Pat Messerole** - December 31, 2020 at 11:05 AM

RT

“ Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



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**Ray and Diane Tucker** - December 31, 2020 at 09:47 AM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



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**Beverly Atwell** - December 31, 2020 at 08:30 AM

CW

“ CONNIE WYMER lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier



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**CONNIE WYMER** - December 31, 2020 at 08:12 AM



“ *Bea, Ty and family, our sincerest sympathy in this difficult time. May you find comfort and peace. God Bless*  
*Dee Rae & Dale Vortherms*



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**Dee Rae Vortherms** - December 31, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ *Dan Dickinson lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier*



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**Dan Dickinson** - December 31, 2020 at 05:44 AM

SF

“ *Bea & family, our sympathy to you all. Good memories of a good guy!*



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**Steve & Dianne Franker** - December 30, 2020 at 09:40 PM

MD

“ *Lee cut my dad's hair for quite a few years. My condolences to your family.*



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**Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley** - December 30, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JO

“ *Judy And Tony Olson lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Carrier*



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**Judy and Tony Olson** - December 30, 2020 at 08:35 PM

JO

*Karen I am so sorry for your loss I didn't know that Lee had passed away when we saw you at Mary's today you and your husband and mother-in-law are in our thoughts and PRAYERS!!*

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**Judy and Tony Olson** - December 30, 2020 at 08:38 PM

TC

“ *Bea, Tara, and Ty...I'm so saddened to hear of Lee's passing!! He was a good guy, always quick with a joke! He sure loved his Graettinger sweet corn, too!! Prayers and condolences. Our thoughts are with you!!*

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**Tom Corcoran** - December 30, 2020 at 06:44 PM

JM

“ *Our sympathy to you, Bea, and your family. May you find some comfort in knowing you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry worked with you and Ty for many years at HyVee. Jerry and Patty McGuire*

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**Jerry and Patty McGuire** - December 30, 2020 at 05:47 PM

MD

“ *Bea, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids. May you find comfort in your cherished memories.*



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**Mark and Shari Dykema** - December 30, 2020 at 05:39 PM

  
Rebecca  
Luitjens

“ *Rebecca Luitjens lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier*



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**Rebecca Luitjens** - December 30, 2020 at 05:21 PM

MP

“ *Mavis Palmer lit a candle in memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier*



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**mavis palmer** - December 30, 2020 at 05:10 PM

TU

“ *Always enjoyed the visits when Lee cut my hair. Was a kind and generous remember one time when my father had broke his hip that Lee came to the house to give him a hair cut. Had my last visit with him in the HyVee parking lot while Bea was shopping RIP*

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**Tom Underwood** - December 30, 2020 at 04:20 PM

SR

“ Lee was my dad's barber for many years and while I didn't know Lee personally, I can't even count the number of times that he gave me and my daughters a friendly wave as we walked by his window on our way to rent videos at The Royal Theater. He always had a smile for everyone and I know that many others share these memories of him!

Susan Ruth - December 30, 2020 at 04:08 PM

SG

“ Lee cut 3 generations of my family's hair. My dad's, what there was of it. Mine while I was growing up In Spirit Lake and occasionally when I was home and my mother (who was Lee's 2nd grade teacher) suggested that her son and grandsons needed a haircut. My sympathy to his family.

Sandy Gruhn - December 30, 2020 at 03:53 PM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Bea. May you find comfort in your Faith, family and friends. My prayers are sent for you and your family.

Jodene Kruse - December 30, 2020 at 03:53 PM

DB

“ My sympathy to your family. Lee was the nicest person.

Dayle Broocks

Dayle Broocks - December 30, 2020 at 01:30 PM



PA

“ *My sympathy to you, Bea and all of your family.*

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**Pat Andersen** - December 30, 2020 at 01:08 PM

LJ

“ *Lsrry & Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in  
memory of Leland "Lee" Gail Currier*



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**Lsrry & Mary Ann Jansen** - December 30, 2020 at 01:01 PM