

LEON JOHN 'JACK' DEGNAN

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION – IOWA JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Leon John "Jack" Degnan, age 95 of Guttenberg, Iowa, passed away on November 17, 2009, at the Guttenberg Care Center with his wife and two daughters at his side.

Judge Degnan was born July 10, 1914 in Guttenberg, the oldest child of John Joseph and Anna [Nigg] Degnan. He graduated from St. Mary's School in Guttenberg, attended Loras College in Dubuque, and received his law degree from the University of Iowa. During World War II he served with the 129th Field Artillery, 32nd Infantry Division in the Pacific Theatre.

He married Kay Eckart on July 26, 1945 in Miami Beach, Florida.

During the Korean War, he was recalled to army duty and served at Fort Gordon, Georgia from 1950-1954.

Jack practiced law in Guttenberg and served one term as Clayton County Attorney. He was appointed as a District Judge for the 1st Judicial District in 1974, served until his retirement in 1986, and then served another six years as a senior judge.

He is survived by his wife Kay, daughters Jane Martin and Pamela Degnan, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE IOWA JUDGES ASSOCIATION, that this Memorial Resolution be adopted by the association, spread upon its permanent records, and a copy sent to Judge Degnan's family.

[Kay Degnan, c/o Guttenberg Care Center, 1315 Acre Street, Guttenberg, Iowa 52052]