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## Leon Layton

CANTON, S.D. — Leon E. Layton, 84, died Dec. 8 at the Canton-Inwood Memorial Hospital, Canton.

Born in Bevans, N.J., he was the son of the late Emmett and Floy (Fuller) Layton. He was reared in New Jersey and was employed at Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway Township, N.J., before World War II.



During the war, he served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps, 723rd Bombardment Squadron, 450th Bombardment Group. While serving in Italy, he was wounded, and received the Silver Star for gallantry in action and later received the Purple Heart.

After his discharge in 1945, he moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., and later returned to New Jersey, where he worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

In 1947, Mr. Layton returned to South Dakota and farmed in Monroe and Bridgewater before moving to Sioux Falls. He worked in electronics sales and repair, and later became district manager for Vigortone Feeds.

After moving to Canton in 1964, Mr. Layton sold Watkins Products and was later employed by the U.S. Post Office in Canton before his retirement in 1975.

He was predeceased by a grandson, Tucker.

Mr. Layton is survived by his wife, the former Olive Almond; a son, Joel of Lake Elsinor Calif.; three daughters, Joan Aslesen and Jackie Larson, both of Canton, and Jean McWayne of Sioux Falls; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Canton.