

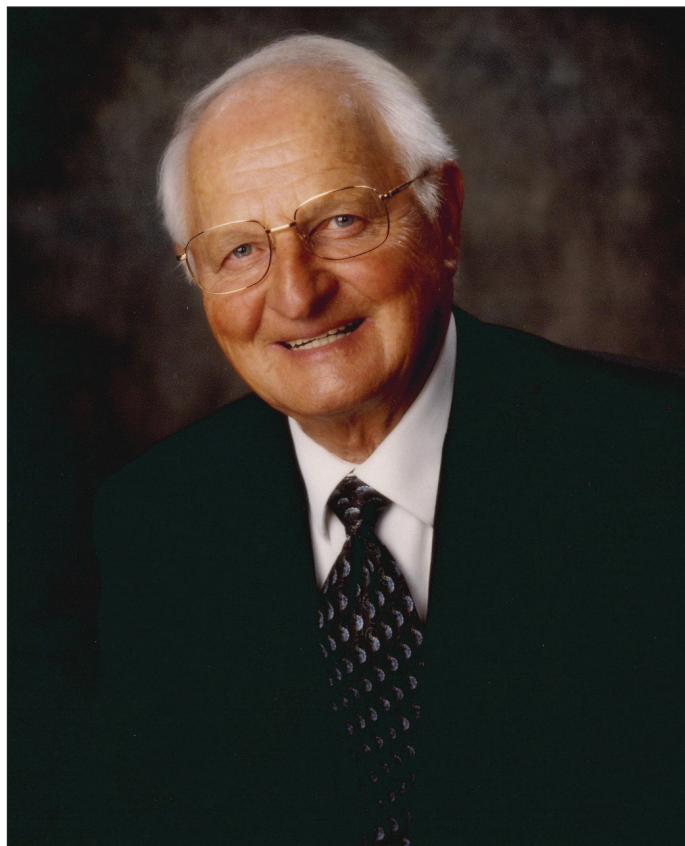
Tribute to James T. Warner (1928-2019)

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It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our father, Jim Warner. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on June 7, 2019. He was 90 years old. Jim was best known to the public as the founder of Warners' Stellan Appliance Company based in St. Paul, MN. To his family he was simply the greatest man that ever lived.

He was born Nov. 9, 1928 in St. Augusta, MN. He began working at the Stellan Company in 1954 at the age of 27. He purchased the company in 1971 and changed the name to Warners' Stellan. Little did he know that he would have the opportunity to work with all nine of his children during his 45-year career.

Jim retired in 2000 at the age of 70, and he and wife Nonie enjoyed winter months in their home in Arizona.



Under Jim's effective leadership, the company grew into Minnesota's largest independent seller of major appliances and now has 10 showrooms and two distribution centers. Plans are currently underway for a new showroom in West Des Moines, IA, of which sadly he only got to see renderings. The company with modest beginnings currently has over 500 employees, supports many families, and is very active in the communities it serves — things Jim was very passionate about.

Jim leaves behind a loving wife of 66 years, nine children and spouses, 37 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. Twenty of Jim's grandchildren are currently involved in the business, and a great-grandchild began working at Warners' Stellan this spring.

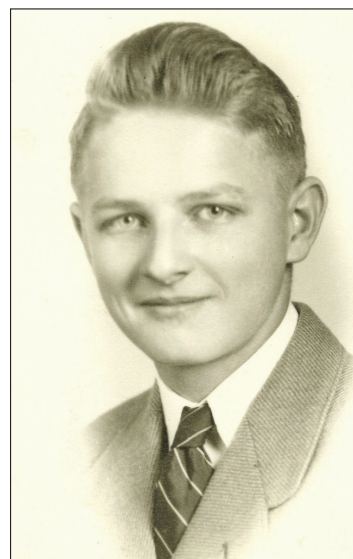
Jim's genuine interest in the people who worked for or with the company made him extremely well liked and respected by all who met him. He understood the responsibility that came with placing the family name on the front of the building. His life embodied the qualities of hard work, generosity, kindness and humor. He loved to laugh and make others laugh!

This tribute to Jim Warner comprises just a few highlights over his 45-year career with the company. He was a modest man who accomplished extraordinary things for the appliance industry.

He will be greatly missed, but his legacy lives!

The Warners

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(clockwise from top left) the Warners pose in front of the family home in St. Paul, MN, c. 1976; Jim Warner as a young man; Jim added his family's name to Stellian, which he bought in 1971; Jim with Nonie, his wife of 66 years; Jim & Nonie's 60th anniversary party, c. 2013; Jim Warner began working at Stellian in St. Paul in 1954; Jim (bottom right) & colleagues pose with the Maytag repairman.

