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Harold Levi Wheeler was born July 19, 1914 to Roscoe and Susie (Boulier) Wheeler in Leeds, Maine. After graduating from Hanson Barber School in Lewiston Maine, he worked in Boothbay Harbor with his cousin Gerald Wheeler in Gerald's barbershop. It was in Boothbay Harbor where Harold met Lenora Gray, daughter of Joseph and Nellie (Peabody) Gray, a resident of Jonesport on vacation with a friend. Harold and Lenora married on August 30, 1934 in Boothbay Harbor, and moved to Jonesport shortly afterwards.

Harold rented in the Bill Church building on Main Street, where he opened a pool room in addition to barbering. In later years, he purchased the former Farm Bureau building, and began barbering there, closing the pool hall. Once a week Harold would close up shop and go by boat to Beals Island for the day to barber there (this was in the days prior to the building of the bridge). Harold Wheeler barbered in Jonesport from 1934 to 1969, retiring in 1969 due to ill health. He then moved with Lenora to Bangor, Maine, where he spent his remaining years. Harold and Lenora had five daughters, Joan, Janice, Joyce, Jean, and Judy, and eighteen grandchildren. Harold Levi Wheeler died June 23, 1983 in Bangor, Maine.