



Eugene Ballatti

November 23, 1920 - August 13, 2016

PRINCETON — Eugene “Geno” Ballatti, 95, of Princeton passed away Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016.

Eugene Ballatti was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Mark to Batista and Maria Ballatti. He grew up in Zearing and on a farm near Malden. He married Bertha Schindel on May 12, 1962, in the United Church of Christ in Spring Valley.

Geno was a Navy Signalman during World War II. In the Atlantic theater he served on the USS Bogue (CVE-9) which received the Presidential Unit Citation and three battle stars for sinking 11 German and two Japanese submarines. In the Pacific theater he served on the USS Randolph (CV-15) aircraft carrier which was damaged by a kamikaze hit on March 11, 1945.

Geno worked for the Burlington Northern railroad as a telegraph operator, ticket agent and train handler for 37 years. He also repaired radios and televisions in his spare time.

Geno was a member of Princeton VFW Post 4323 and Princeton American

Legion Post 125 and served as a member of the honor guard. He enjoyed bowling, card playing, golfing and traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha, of Princeton; one son, Mike (Hyun) Ballatti of Lucas, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Geno was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Michael and Mundo; and two sisters, Katherine Engel and Mary Treharne.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton, with a visitation starting at 1 p.m. Burial will be at the Van Orin Repose Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Princeton VFW Post 4323 or Princeton American Legion Post 125.

Online condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com.