



Arlie Ballard

September 7, 1924 - October 27, 2008

Arlie Eugene "Gene" Ballard, 84, of Fayetteville died Monday, October 27, 2008 at Fayetteville. He was born September 7, 1908 in Biggers, Arkansas to Elvin A. and Verneal McMurtrey Ballard.

Gene was drafted out of high school during World War II. He joined the United States Navy and served on a destroyer in the South Pacific near Saipan. After the war he returned to finish and graduate from Biggers High School. He received a Bachelor's Degree from Arkansas State College, now Arkansas State University and a Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas in printing. Gene worked for the Jonesboro Sun and taught shop and auto mechanics at Hot Springs High School. He taught at ASU until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and sister in law Brandon and Ann Ballard and one brother Glen Ballard.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years Ada Elizabeth "Betty" Ballard of the home; three step sons Dr. Henry M. Meinecke and wife Patricia of Brasstown, North Carolina, Richard O. Meinecke of Southern Pines, North Carolina and Dr. Robert W. Meinecke and wife Harriet of Galax, Virginia; one step daughter Louise Ryan and husband Max of Springdale; two brothers Johnny Ballard and wife Vesta of Fenton, Missouri and Lavern Ballard and wife Barbara of Jonesboro, Arkansas; four sisters Virginia Hinson of Littleton, Colorado, Imogene Blount of St. Louis, Missouri and Reba "Becky" Davis of St. Louis, Missouri and Linda Ferrell of Phoenix, Arizona, eleven step grandchildren, six step great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale with Pastor Donaldo Sonntag.

Memorials may be made to the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1812 S. Rains Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401 or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlie Ballard*

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