

Frederick Eugene "Gene" Niemeyer

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JERSEYVILLE- Frederick Eugene "Gene" Niemeyer, 91, died at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Jerseyville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He was in Jersey County, on January 2, 1925, the only child born to Fred & Mary Alice (Watson) Niemeyer. He grew up in Grafton, and at the age of 17, enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving in Hawaii, Guam and the Palmyra Islands. He was honored, at the age of 89, to be included in the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, which flew to Washington DC to tour the war memorial monuments as well as Arlington Cemetery. He was employed at the Clark Oil Refinery in Hartford for many years, retiring as a boilermaker, and was an accomplished mechanic and carpenter, who loved to camp, fish, ride ATV's and the many times spent with family. He married the former Betty J. Scott on June 7, 1949 at the United Methodist Church parsonage in Grafton, and they shared nearly 65 years together prior to her death on Jan. 17, 2014. Surviving are his five children and their spouses, Mike & Mary Niemeyer of Jerseyville, Dick & Rose Niemeyer of Fieldon, Rhonda & John Schilling of Bethalto, Marsha & Denny Steckel of Jerseyville, and Lorna & Rick Hagen of Fieldon; 17 Great Grandchildren; 33 Great Grandchildren; a great great grandson; his longtime caregiver and niece, Mary Scott of Fieldon; and two sisters in law, Mildred Scott of Fieldon and Marilyn Scott of Jerseyville. He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Niemeyer; his mother & step father, Mary Alice & Lawrence Kurten; two infant twin great granddaughters, Halley & Hannah Mueller; three brothers in law, Dale Scott, Robert Scott and Edward Scott and his wife, Betty. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Thursday. Rev. Ted Engelsdorfer will officiate. Burial will be in the White Cemetery in rural Jersey County, with the Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 conducting military graveside rites. Memorials may be given to the White Cemetery Fund.

