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Wadsworth, IL

Michael S. Balen, 86, of Wadsworth, IL, passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at the VA Medical Center in North Chicago, IL. He was born on October 21, 1921 in DeKalb, IL. He was formerly employed at the North Chicago Post Office for more than 20 years.

He was a veteran of the US Army during WWII in the 96th Infantry Division. Michael fought in the invasion of Lady Island, Philippine Islands and Okinawa. He is a member of American Legion, Homer Dahringer Post 281 of Waukegan, and the VFW Post 8741 of Libertyville.

Michael is survived by two brothers, John (Helen) of Waukegan, Matthew of Wadsworth; and a sister, Rosemary (Frank) Ress of Waukegan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Rose; two brothers, Steve and Nicholas; and three sisters, Martha, Mary and Jane.

Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at 10 AM at Our Lady of Humility Church, 10655 W. Wadsworth Rd., Beach Park, IL. Please omit flowers, memorials to your favorite charity would be appreciated. BRADLEY FUNERAL HOME is serving the family. 847-473-3966.