

Norman W. Ulmer

World War II veteran

LEWISBURG — Norman W. Ulmer, 87, of 112 Willowbrook Blvd., Lewisburg died early Monday morning, Nov. 12, 2007 in Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

Born Feb. 29, 1920, in Burnham, he was the son of the late Harold E. and Mary Martha (Kline) Ulmer.

He and his wife, the former Margaret Canan Gundy, ~~was~~ married Nov. 10, 1945.

Mr. Ulmer graduated from Altoona High School with the Class of 1938.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy March 3, 1941, and was honorably discharged as a petty officer first class Sept. 30, 1946. He served in the Pacific Theater as a signalman in the Flag Allowance of admirals, John H. Newton, Frank Jack Fletcher, DeWitt C. Ramsey and Frederick C. Sherman. He left Pear Harbor Dec. 5, 1941, two days before it was attacked, on the heavy cruiser USS Chicago CA-29. Early in World War II, he was transferred to the USS Yorktown CV-5 and survived the bombing attack on the ship in the Coral Sea Battle and the sinking of the ship during the Battle of Midway Island one month later. He also survived the torpedoing of the USS Saratoga CV-3 off Guadalcanal in Aug. 1942 and a direct hit by a kamikaze plane while serving on the U.S.S. Essex CV-9 during the Okinawa operation in Nov. 1944. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with two stars, Navy Unit Commendation, Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with 20 stars, World War II Victory Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Mr. Ulmer retired from the Bureau of Employment Security, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Earlier in life, he had

worked as a crew member of a schooner yacht in Gloucester, Mass.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 42 S. Fourth St., Lewisburg.

Mr. Ulmer was past master of St. Albans Lodge 38, AF&AM, Guilford, Conn.; American Legion Post 841 Montandon Lewisburg Memorial

VFW Post 7715; and the Susquehannock Woodcarvers.

He enjoyed attending Navy reunions and numerous naval reunion clubs with his wife. He also enjoyed woodcarving.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall W. and Judith Minium Ulmer of Lewisburg and Jeffrey N. and Bonnie Sechrist Ulmer of Erie; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Ulmer and Thomas B. Myers of Chambersburg; three grandchildren, Brian W. Ulmer of Lewisburg, Ainslie Ulmer Brosig of Fairview and Eric W. Myers of Chambersburg; and a great-grandson, Patrick B. Ulmer of Lewisburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Barbara Ann Ulmer.

A memorial service will be conducted at noon Saturday in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 42 S. Fourth St., Lewisburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Andrew R. Morgan officiating.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 42 S. Fourth St., Lewisburg, Pa. 17837 or to the Union County Veterans Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 544, Lewisburg, Pa. 17837.

Arrangements are under the care of the John H. Shaw III Funeral Home, Market and Eighth streets, Lewisburg.

