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**Chester Glen Bingaman(1920 - 2017)**

Chester Glen Bingaman, 96, of Brownstown, passed away at 11:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at Fayette County Hospital Long Term Care in Vandalia.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Giesecking-Claggett Funeral Home in Brownstown, with the Rev. Jim Dann officiating. Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery in Vandalia, with military rites accorded by Brownstown [VFW](#) Post 9770. Visitation was held one hour before services on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials: Brownstown VFW Post 9770, of which Mr. Bingaman was a charter member. Online condolences can be expressed at [www.gieseckingfh.com](http://www.gieseckingfh.com).

Mr. Bingaman was born on Friday, Nov. 5, 1920, in rural Vandalia, the son of Henry B. and Maude (Ashcraft) Bingaman.

After graduating from Jacksonville College, he was commissioned as an ensign in the [U.S. Navy](#) and served in the Pacific during [World War II](#), initially as a gunnery officer aboard the battleship USS Mississippi and later as commander of LSM 183. At the conclusion of World War II, he was honorably discharged from active duty as a lieutenant, after which he became an auditor, minor league baseball umpire and owned Sports Center on Gallatin Street in Vandalia for many years.

He is survived by nieces and nephews, Fred Bingaman of Brownstown, Brent Locke of Decatur, Sherill (Bingaman) Parton of Huntsville, Ala., Joe Locke of Kerrville, Texas, and Cynthia (Locke) Villegas of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Floyd Bingaman; and a sister, Edna (Bingaman) Locke.

**Funeral Home****Giesecking-Claggett Funeral Home**

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