

## Willard Eugene Gooden

**BIRTH** 30 Oct 1920

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

**DEATH** 2 Dec 2009 (aged 89)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

**BURIAL** Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 45278630

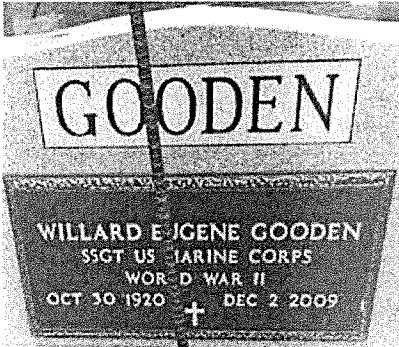
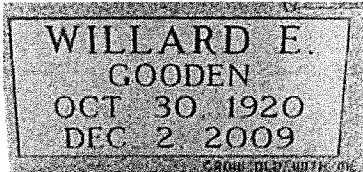


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Willard Eugene Gooden, 89, of Hoopeston, Il., died at 9:42 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at home.

He was born Oct. 30, 1920 in Hoopeston to William Edwin and Neva Thompson Gooden. He married Mary Helen Elliott on June 21, 1945 in Mare Island, California. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Mary Jane Lane of Hoopeston and Cathryn A. (Greg) Baird of Henning; a sister, Barbara Jeanne Drinsky of Chicago and two grandchildren, Gregory Joe Baird and William Eugene (Heather) Baird.

He was preceded in death by a son, Cpl. William Elliott Gooden, U.S.M.C.; two brothers, Sanford and Darcy Gooden; a sister, Marjorie Wiley and a grandson, Damon Lee Lane.

He was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

### Inscription

SSGT US MARINE CORPS

WORLD WAR II

### Family Members

#### Parents



William Edwin Gooden  
1891–1977



Neva *Thompson* Gooden  
1898–1975