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John A. Thornton, 76, Greenwood, died Saturday in Regency Place, Greenwood. He was the father of a Fountaintown woman.

Born Dec. 7, 1921, in Portland, he was the son of Chester and Vera (Hummer) Thornton. On May 30, 1945, he married Jeanne Cathryn (Duff) Thornton, and she survives.

Mr. Thornton had resided in Adams County in Geneva for 35 years before moving to Greenwood in 1991.

He had owned Limberlost Layers for 25 years before retiring in 1991.

He was a member of New Hope Church, Greenwood. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Greenwood; a daughter, Jana S. Geryak, Fountaintown; two sons, Philip A. Thornton, Greenwood, and Gregory L. Thornton, West Des Moines, Iowa; two brothers, Floyd Thornton, Geneva, and Elwood Thornton, Harrison, Mich.; a sister, Gladys Miller, Portland; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, with the Rev. Darrell Riley officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Geneva.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home or Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Hope Church, 5307 W. Fairview Road, Greenwood.

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service, Greenwood, is handling local arrangements.