

**Jerry Ray Pierce**

**Portland - 1944-2001**

Jerry Ray Pierce, 57, of Portland, co-owner of W & M Manufacturing Inc., died Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, at home.

The Paris, Tenn., native was also co-owner of Pier-Mac Plastics Inc. and Accelerated Curing Inc. He was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church, American Legion in Berne, Elks Lodge and the Society of Plastic Engineers. He had served in the U.S. Army. Surviving are his wife, Kay; a brother, Dennis Farmer of Rolla, Mo.; a sister, Barbara Wheatly of Hernando, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas R., and a brother. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Geneva, with calling one hour before services. Calling is also from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Downing Funeral Home, Geneva. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are to the Jay County Boys Club Community Center Building Fund.

Information provided by Downing Funeral Home, Geneva, 1-219-368-7676.