

James H. Stephenson, 75, 532 N. Western Ave., Portland, died early Saturday at the Jay County Hospital following an extended illness.

He was self-employed in the refrigeration and air conditioning business and had worked for the former Klopfenstein's Hardware for 25 years.

Stephenson was a World War II Army veteran, receiving the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club, Jay Lodge No. 87 F&AM and the Scottish Rite.

Born Oct. 14, 1917, in Jay County, he was the son of Richard and Emma (Lyons) Stephenson. He was married Sept. 26, 1945 to Jean Timmons, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, Richard Stephenson, San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Gregory (Dixie) Raisor, Peachtree, Ga., and Mrs. Michael (Cathy) Cleveland, Grand Rapids, Minn.; three sisters, Ruby Stipp Vernon, Portland; Betty Jo Mays, Rensselaer; Ruth Fairchild, Flint, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

Services are set for 2 pm Wednesday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Gerald Hewson officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery with full military graveside rites.

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