Howard L. Brinerkhoff, 77, RR 5, Portland, died Tuesday in Jay County Hospital after a short illness.

He was born in Jay County Jan. 12, 1916, the son of Clarence and Daisey (Kretsinger) Brinkerhoff. He was married Jan. 24, 1940 to Frances Glendora Weaver, who survives.

He had worked for the postal service and was Portland postmaster for several years. He was a member of the Blaine United Methodist Church and served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Other survivors include two sons, Kevin Brinkerhoff, Portland and Ted Brinkerhoff, Ridgeville; two daughters, Mrs. Richard (Betty Sue) Manor, Portland and Linda Brinkerhoff, Rock Island, Ill.; two brothers, Donald Brinkerhoff, Kokomo and Burton Brinkerhoff, Indianapolis; two sisters, Mrs. Albert (Irma) Milligan, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Mrs. Frank (Dorothy) Lepakas, Delray Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 am in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with the Rev. Sherrie Renner and the Rev. Harold Oechsle officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey with full military graveside services.

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