

Eldon W. Burkett, age 82, a former resident of Salamonina, Indiana and then of Maple Heights Apartments in Portland, and a current resident of Persimmon Ridge Care Facility in Portland, died early Friday morning at the care facility following an extended illness.

He was a former employee of the Indiana State Highway Department, Sheller Globe formerly of Portland and the Jay Garment Company also formerly of Portland.

Eldon W. Burkett was born August 12, 1926 in Lima, Ohio the son of Fred and Anna Marie (McGriff) Burkett. He served with the U. S. Army in WW II. He was married May 10, 1955 to Barbara Walker, who survives.

Eldon W. Burkett is survived by:

His wife: Barbara Burkett- Persimmon Ridge, Portland, IN

1 son: Keith W. Burkett- Portland, IN

1 daughter: Mrs. Steven A. (Becky) Elliott- Portland, IN

2 brothers: Merle Burkett- California

Jim Burkett- Ridgeville, IN

2 sisters: Mary Helen Baker- Muncie, IN

Viola Perry- Connersville, IN

7 grandchildren

10 great-grandchildren

2 children, Patricia Carpenter and Fredrick Burkett, are deceased.

1 brother: Herschel Burkett, and 1 sister, Irene Burkett, are also deceased.

Funeral services for Eldon W. Burkett will be held Monday 11 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Pastor J. Kyle Duncan will officiate and burial will follow in the IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville, IN. The Portland American Legion Post #211 will have charge of military graveside rites. Friends may call at the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home from 2 until 4 p.m. on Sunday and prior to service time on Monday. Memorials may be directed to the State of the Heart Home Hospice or to the [cut off]

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