

Clarence Edward Butcher, 51, 219 W. Penn St., Portland, died Thursday evening at Jay County Hospital following a brief illness. He was an employee of the Dale Jordan Excavating Company.

Surviving are a son, Clarence W., Portland; a brother, Charles, Fort Wayne; his mother, Mrs. Cecil Houck, Portland; and seven grandchildren.

He was born June 28, 1917, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He was the son of Edward and Cecil (Steen) Butcher.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Butcher was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral services will be Sunday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, with Rev. Paul Eger officiating. Burial will be in Union Chapel Cemetery, with military graveside services conducted by veterans organizations. Friends may call at the mortuary after Saturday noon.

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