Thurlo Jenkins March 17, 1929-Oct. 6, 2012

Services for Thurlo "Joe" Jenkins, 83, Bluffton, a former Portland resident, are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland with Pastor Rex Collins officiating. He died Saturday at Meadowvale Nursing Home in Bluffton. Born in Randolph County to Luther and Edith (Cheesaman) Jenkins, he was preceded in death on Feb. 25, 2012, by his wife Barbara (VanNote) Jenkins whom he married on Aug. 24, 1954. A veteran of the United States Army, he retired as a semi driver after 25 years of service. Surviving are four sons, Stephen Jenkins (wife: Karen), Portland, Ricky Jenkins and William Jenkins, both of Montpelier, and Kent Jenkins Sr., Portland; a daughter, Susan Arnold, Huntington; two brothers, Raymond Jenkins (wife: Bea), and Lloyd Jenkins (wife: Betty), both of Farmland; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Visitation is today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Antioch Cemetery, southeast of Portland. Memorials may be sent to the family. Condolences may be sent to www.williamsonspencer.com.

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