

MELVIN LEON MEDLER, 81, died Friday at University Nursing Home in Upland. Born in Marion, he was a retired diesel mechanic. He was a World War II Army veteran. His wife, Eva, died in 2000. Surviving are a son, Andy of Montpelier; two stepsons, Paul Martin and David Martin, both of Portland; a daughter, Rebecca Medler of Montpelier; three stepdaughters, Eva Lou Drieling of Celina, Ohio, and Cheryl Myers and Mary Elaine Brotherton, both of Portland; a brother, John of Muncie; a sister, Ellen Jane Dubois of Hartford City; five grandchildren, 25 step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and 52 step-great-grandchildren. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at William & Spencer Funeral Home, Portland Chapel. Calling from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Burial in Antioch Cemetery, Portland.

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