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**Portland - ROBERT E. FRANKS SR.**

ROBERT E. FRANKS SR., 75, died Sunday at his home. Born in Portland, he was a retired farmer and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. Surviving are his wife, Garnet J. (Lehymann); one son, Robert E. Jr. of Salamonia; three brothers, George Jr. of Frostproof, Fla., and Charles and Fredrick, both of Portland; two sisters, Ruth Lykins of Portland and Helen Neuenschwander of Berne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Jean.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Calling from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial with military graveside services in Center Cemetery, Portland. Memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church.