

Jesse Hurst, 77, 1432 West Ind. 67, Portland, died early Thursday in the Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Born on Oct. 19, 1925, in Jay County to George and Opal (Prouty) Hurst, he was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He married Louanna Valentine on June 24, 1944. She survives.

Retiring from the Portland Forge after 39 years of service, he was a member of the American Legion Post No. 211; Salamonias V.F.W.; and the D.A.V.

Other survivors include two sons, Jesse Hurst Jr., Greenwood, and Jeffery A. Hurst, Lakeside, Ariz.; one brother, Jim Hurst, Troy, Ohio; and two grandchildren.

Services are Monday at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Eads presiding.

Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery with full military graveside rites.

Visitation is Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Jay County Heart Fund or the American Diabetes Association.

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