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PORTLAND--Woodrow "Woody" Valentine, age 89, a resident of Persimmon Ridge of Portland, IN, died Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

Woodrow Valentine was born in Green Township, Jay County, Indiana, on June 25, 1919, the son of Cornelius "C A" and Esther (Geesaman) Valentine. He graduated from Pennville High School in 1936. He attended the Muncie Business College for a year. He married Rickie Rowles on June 28, 1940.

Woody was a farmer in Jefferson Township in Jay County, an insurance agent with Farmers Mutual Inc. of Portland, IN, and he was a bus driver for over 10 years with Redkey Schools.

He was a member of the Center United Methodist Church, the Redkey Masons, the Portland Grange and was the Trustee of Jefferson Township. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash for his work at the Jay County Conservation Club. He was a Past Master of the Indiana State Grange and Past Officer of the National Grange.

Survivors include his wife, Rickie Valentine of Portland, IN; one son, John A. Valentine (wife-Nancy) of rural Portland, IN; one daughter, Jean E. Bantz of rural Redkey, IN; two sisters, Janet Rowles of rural Portland, IN, and Louanna Hurst of rural Portland, IN; five grandchildren, Annette Stultz, Stephanie Hastings, Gary Valentine, Rick Bantz, and Todd Bantz; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua Stultz, Adam Bantz, Nick Bantz, Jordan Stultz, Luke Bantz, Georgia Hastings, and Carter Bantz.

He was predeceased by one son, Larry Valentine; and two brothers, David and Donald Valentine.

Funeral services for Woodrow Valentine will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland, IN. Pastors Gary Phillips and Joe Hines will officiate. Burial will follow in the Center Cemetery, west of Portland. Visitation will be held on Friday from 3-7 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed towards Center United Methodist Church or State of the Heart Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.