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Richard H. Free, 97, Portland, died Saturday at AmeriCare Living Center of Portland. He had formerly lived in Pennville and Bryant.

Born in Pennville on Oct. 30, 1908, to Albert and Bertha (Field) Free, he graduated from Pennville High School.

He married Dorothy E. Merteo on May 30, 1939, in Toledo, Ohio. She died on Jan. 5, 1969.

Retiring from Micro-Precision/Textron Inc. in Berne in 1974, he had attended Sardinia Congregational Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Richard A. Free, Geneva; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Rose Marie) Monroe, Dunkirk; three nephews; one niece; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Downing and Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva with the Rev. Paul Isch officiating. Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant.

Visitation is Tuesday from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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