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Rick "Pearl" Hall, 60, 817 E. Water St., Portland, died Sunday at his home. Death was caused by a self-inflicted injury, said Jay County Coroner Mark Barnett.

Born on Dec. 22, 1947, in Portland, to M. Robert and Mildred "Millie" (Grile) Hall, he attended Portland High School.

He was married on Feb. 6, 1982 to Kathy Hodge, who survives.

A veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, he was employed at the Jay County Highway Department and formerly at Wallischeck Excavating for 10 years.

Memberships include the National Rifle Association, the 11th Calvary serving in Vietnam and Cambodia, VFW of Fort Recovery, Eagles Lodge of Portland and past and current commander of the American Legion Post No. 211 of Portland.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Derrick R. Hall, Portland; three daughters, Melinda R. Lee, Alma, Mich., Daphne D. Smith, Portland, and Sarah D. Lefever, Dunkirk; his mother, Millie Hall, Portland; a brother, Michael R. Hall, Ridgeville and nine grandchildren.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Arnold officiating. Burial will be in Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant, with full military graveside rites conducted by the American Legion Post No. 211 of Portland.

Visitation is Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to the family of Rick Hall with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.williamsonspencer.com.

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