Max J. McAbee, 54. Decatur, a native of Portland, died Saturday morning in Adams County Memorial Hospital, Decatur, following an extended illness.

He was employed by CTS in Berne from 1966-1995.

Born Sept. 6, 1945, in Portland, he was the son of Samuel J. and Edith (Michael) McAbee. He was a 1963 graduate of Portland High School and served with the Army National Guard from 1965-1971.

He was married in 1967 to Barbara Landers, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are his mother Edith McAbee, Portland; one son, Max J. McAbee II, Sandford, Fla., one daughter, Mrs. Mike (Milise) Beitler, Portland; one brother, William D. McAbee, Portland; and five grandchildren.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Portland Chapel of the Wiliamson and Spencer Funeral Home with Pator Brian Holland officiating. Burial will be in the Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant with millitary graveside rites by the Portland American Legion Post 211.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials may be made to the Northeast Indiana Hospice of Adams County.

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