

Portland Mayor Vaughn L. Bailey, who battled inoperable lung cancer for two months died this morning at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. He was 69.

Bailey, 220 W. Second Street, was elected mayor in November, 1991. A Democrat, he had served a term as city councilman at large before running for mayor. In addition to serving as mayor, he was the president of the Portland Board of Works.

Bailey was a graduate of Portland High School and was a sergeant with the Army in World War II. He attended Slippery Rock State Teachers College and Ball State University.

He was born April 19, 1924, in Portland to James and Nancy Isabelle (Tyndall) Bailey. On March 1, 1947, he married Letha Helen Thomas who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Thomas V. Bailey, R.R. 4, Portland and George A. Bailey, Portland; three daughters, Mrs. Larry (Nancy Jo) Laux, Berne, Mrs. Dave (Pamela K.) Sewell, R. R. 4, Portland, Mrs. Terry (Jodee Lynn) Borgerding, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Kathryn Hutson, Portland; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 am at Faith Baptist Church, Portland, with Rev. Linwood Doane and Rev. James Caldwell officiating. Burial will follow in Green Park Cemetery.

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