

Russell L. Figert, Jr., age 85, 1237 West Votaw Street, Portland, passed away early Saturday morning in Millers Merry Manor in Dunkirk.

He was born in Fort Wayne on June 10, 1926, the son of Russell and Marie (Miller) Figert Sr. He was married November 14, 1953 to Mary J. Wallischeck, and she died February 27, 2004.

He was a medivac in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received a doctorate in education from Ball State University. He was a teacher at Noble Twp. and Pennville, reporter and editor for the Commercial Review newspaper, managing editor of the Weekly Reader and owner of J Enterprises from 1977-1981. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Past President and Secretary Treasurer of Portland Kiwanis Club, and Past Finance Officer and Adjutant of American Legion Post #211.

Surviving are two sons, Allan Figert (wife-Carolyn) of Tulsa, OK, and Matthew Figert (wife-Rose) of Binhamton, NY; two brothers, Peter Figert of Odessa, TX, and Sam Figert of Brooklyn, NY; three sisters, Elizabeth Carrey of Valpraiso, IN, Connie Long of Green Valley, AZ, and Sarah Gage of Sag Harbor, NY; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Fr. Robert Moran presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery with military rites by American Legion Post #211. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Kiwanis Club, Masses or Choice of the Donor.

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