

John Frederick Lingo, age 93, a resident of rural Portland, passed away at his home. John was born March 19, 1918 in Portland, IN, the son of John C. and Pearl (Fritz) Lingo. He graduated from Portland High School in 1936 and married Lois V. Orr on November 3, 1948.

John served during World War II, enlisting in the United State Marines on April 1, 1942. He served in Hawaii at Barbers Point Naval Air Base where he served with the military police. He later was deployed to Okinawa, Japan and landed on Red Beach. John was then assigned to the 6th Marine Division, 22nd Regiment Co. C, 1st Battalion. On June 17, 1945, John was injured in Mezado Ridge and received a Purple Heart for his injuries. John was discharged from the Marines on April 15, 1946 and returned to Portland. Upon returning, John and his brothers, Charles and Bill, owned and operated Lingo Brothers Gas Station in Portland. John then found his life-long calling with the United States Post Office. He began his career delivering a mail route on the east side of Portland. He then went on to drive a parcel post truck and delivered packages around town. His later years were spent delivering a rural route in Portland. John retired from the Post Office on November 17, 1978. John was a member of the West Walnut Street Church of Christ in Portland, American Legion Post #211 of Portland where he was a Past Commander. He was also a member of the 40&8, Drum and Bugle Corp., Disabled American Veterans, and the Jay County Historical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Lois V. Lingo, rural Portland, IN; two sons, Ron L. Lingo (wife-Connie) of rural Portland, and John W. Lingo of Portland; one sister, Betty Burk of Indianapolis, IN; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Robert D. Lingo.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Jim Nichols will officiate and burial will follow at the Green Park Cemetery in Portland. American Legion Post #211 will conduct military graveside rites.

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