

Gilbert “Gib” R. Mangold, 81, 126 W. Votaw St., Portland, builder of more than 250 homes in Portland and developer of four home divisions, died Sunday morning.

Jay County coroner mark Barnett said Mangold died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Mangold and his wife moved from Rush County to Jay County in 1940 and from 1940 to 1945 they operated a poultry and egg business.

For the next 20 years Mangold built homes in the area and after his retirement in 1975, he was co-owner and operator of Super Supply in Portland.

Born October 14, 1912, in Fayette County, he was the son of John J. and Louise J. (Carlton) Mangold. He was married Feb. 4, 1939 to Rosemary Hires, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, John Mangold, Portland; one daughter, Mrs. Larry (Jeannine) Poole, Portland; one sister, Eloise Bennington, Richmond; five grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are set for 1:30 pm Wednesday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with the Rev. Norman Keen and the Rev. Hugh Kelly officiating. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

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