

Dan G. Orr

Feb. 14, 1942-June 19, 2012

Services for Dan G. Orr, 70, 4023 S. 800 W., Redkey, are Friday at 7 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland with Pastor Randy Davis officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. at the church. A longtime teacher at Jay County High School, Orr died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis following a motorcycle accident near Redkey.

Born in Dunkirk to Karl Ed and Jean (Curry) Orr, he graduated from Dunkirk High School and Hanover College and earned master's degrees from Penn University of Missouri. He married in 1984 to Anita Hawthorn Weesner, who survives.

He served in Peace Corps for two years in Indonesia and Kenyan and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having been awarded two purple hearts for his service in Vietnam.

Retiring in 2009 as a science teacher and biology teacher at Jay County High School after 30 years, he also received the Star Character Award for Citizenship at JCHS in 2009. He also was a farmer in Richland and Jefferson townships, and worked as an auctioneer. He served on the Jay County Council, Jay County Hospital Board, Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, Arts Place Board, Limberlost Wetlands committee, Jay County Solid Waste District and Benson's Hog Chapter.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Andrew Orr (wife: Melissa), Montana and Rodney Weesner (wife: Stephanie) Dunkirk, Wade Weesner (wife Marci) Trafalgar; four daughters, Sarah Orr (husband: Tony Purpura, Montana and Dawn Shoaff (husband: Bill) Florida, Maria Baker (husband: Ryan), Portland, and Kristy Clark (husband: Ryan), Dyer; a sister, Andrea Meher (husband Lou), Virginia; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be sent to Jay County Arts Council, Riley Hospital for Children or Dan Orr Scholarship Fund.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.bairdfreeman.com.

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