

## **Commercial Review, The (Portland, IN) - Monday, May 12, 2008**

Ralph D. Pogue, 83, 417 S. Helen St., Portland, died Thursday evening at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Jay County to Harl and Maud (Abels) Pogue. He married Roberta Lare in 1973. She survives.

He was retired from Joyce-Dayton, Portland, and had worked at Sheller-Globe. He was a farmer, member of the DAV, the VFW in Salamonia and American Legion Post No. 211, Portland, where he was a member of the honor guard.

He served with the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II and received the bronze star.

Other survivors include two sons, Greg Pogue, Celina, Ohio, and Everett Pogue, Greenville; six daughters, Georganna Ferguson, Pam Rowles, Valerie Shepherd, Virginia Clem and Shirley Mann, all of Portland, and Jerri Jones, Columbia City; two sisters, Marilu McCord, Ridgeville, and Virginia Baucher, Chicago; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Services are Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland.

Burial will be at Green Park Cemetery. American Legion Post No. 211 will conduct military graveside rites.

Visitation will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Decatur Dialysis Center.

**Contributed by Jane Edson**