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Wilbur F. Richard, 71, 3809 Grayson Ave., Fort Wayne, a former Portland resident, died Thursday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a brief illness.

He was born in Jay County on April 9, 1920, the son of Walter and Lucinda (Simon) Richard. He was married May 18, 1942 to Ruth Irene Champ, who survives.

He was a retired freight conductor for the Penn Railroad and Conn Rail. He was a veteran of World War II and was one of the two American soldiers to raise the Stars and Stripes over Berlin during World War II. Cpl. Richard handled the flag lines with General Patton, and President Truman and his party viewed the ceremony.

Richard was also a member of the military police governi [cut off]

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