

Joseph [Whitacre], 85, of Portland, IN, died at Americare Living Center.

He was born to George M. and Eva (Hummer) Whitacre. On Dec. 29, 1942, he married Esther Loy, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph, Fort Recovery, and Robert, Palmetto, FL; a daughter, Brenda (Rex) Ehrhart, Portland; a sister, Ruth Joos, Portland; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He retired in 1982 from the former Sheller-Globe Corp., Portland, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II who served in the Battles of the Bulge and the Rhine. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Portland, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 211, Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Moose Lodge, all of Portland.

Services at the church, the Rev. Marty Sandhage officiating.

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