

Thomas Bonvillian

Thomas J. Bonvillian, 68, RR 1, Redkey, died early today at Jay County Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was a retired self-employed brick mason after 40 years.

Born May 29, 1923, in Fort Recovery, he was the son of Thomas J. and Irene (Adams) Bonvillian. He was first married to Catherine Johnson who preceded him in death and was later married to Cleta Hicks, who survives.

A World War II Army veteran, Bonvillian was the recipient of the Purple Heart and the Medal of Valor.

He was a member of the Redkey American Legion, the Fort Recovery VFW, the Portland DAV, and the brickmason's local of Muncie.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Thomas J. Bonvillian, Bloomington, Amos Bonvillian, Redkey, and Kenny Bullard, Portland; four daughters, Deborah Grant, Redkey, Paula Bonvillian and Paulette Wagner, both of Portland, and Mrs. Ted (Laura) Hammers, Dunkirk; two brothers, Paul Bonvillian, Celina, and Richard Bonvillian, Fort Recovery; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Batters, Fort Wayne; and 18 grandchildren.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Redkey Chapel of Jones Mortuaries. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. A rosary will be recited at the funeral home on Wednesday evening.

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