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Francis Simons May 18, 1939-Feb. 16, 2010

Francis J. "Jay" Simons, 70, Redkey, died Tuesday at his home.

Born in Portland to Gladys Vivian (Batten) and Allen Ray Simons, he graduated from Pennville High School in 1957.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ima J. Simons.

A veteran of the United States Army, he retired from Borg Warner in Muncie and was a member and deacon of First Freewill Baptist Church in Dunkirk.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanette Templeton, Redkey; two sons, Duane (wife: Shelia) Simons, Redkey, and Christopher Simons, Muncie; three sisters, Phyllis Haefner, Colorado, Norma Albright, Nevada, and Penny Simons, Geneva; and four grandchildren.

Services are Saturday at 11 a.m. First Freewill Baptist Church, 12369 West 600 South, Dunkirk, with Pastor James Oliver McCowan officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Visitation is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries Redkey Chapel.

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