

Edward Minch, 71, 3476 North U.S. 27, Portland, died Thursday morning at his home following a sudden illness.

Minch retired from C.T.S. in Berne in 1996, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portland. He was also a member of the Portland Moose Lodge.

Born Oct. 10, 1934, in Jay County, he was the son of Mathias and Julia (Remaklus) Minch. He was married March 7, 1953, to Norma Garlinger, who survives.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Rick Minch, Berne, Randy Minch, Bluffton, and Matt Minch, Wilmington, Del.; four daughters, Beth Mosser (husband Chip Sammons) Berne, Mrs. Rickie (Janean) Taylor, Lake Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Dean (Carla) Sibery, Portland, and Mrs. Don (Mary) Bickle, Rockford, Ohio; two brothers, John Minch, Berne, and David Minch, Bryant; one sister, Mary Helen Stoycos, Arlington, Texas; 15 grandchildren; and 11 grandchildren.

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