

Lester Bricker

Celina native Lester Lee "Hap" Bricker, 79, 3663 E. 200 N., Portland, Ind., died July 23, 2004, following an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 7, 1925, in Celina, to John K. and Mable Rush Bricker. On July 30, 1942, he married Myrtle D. Knittle who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Fred (Pat) of Ridgeville, Ind.; three daughters, Marjorie Steed Frazier, Kissimmee, Fla., Jackie (Bruce) Newton Petschke, Portland, and Judy (James) Weagant, Fort Recovery; four brothers, Earl and Carl, both of Greenville, Donald of Celina and Gene of Greenwood, Ind.; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was a horse dealer and owner of Happy's Poultry and Happy's Circle B Ranch.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, the Rev. Eric Fee presiding. Burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery. Calling is 3-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Contributions can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society or State of the Heart Home Health & Hospice.

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