

Elbert W. Fields, 66, RR 6, Portland, died early Monday morning in the Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, following a brief illness. He retired from Teledyne Portland Forge in 1988 after 40 years of employment. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church where he belonged to the homemakers class.

Fields was a member of the founding organization of the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association and was a member of the Tri-State Gas Engine and tractor Association, The Portland Morning Optimist Club, the Portland Moose Lodge, the Portland Eagles Lodge, the Portland IOOF, the Portland Rebekah Lodge and the Salamonias Volunteer Fireman. He was also a former member and past noble grand of the Salamonias IOOF Lodge.

Born in Randolph County on Aug. 26, 1928, he was the son of Gerald and Cletha (Bishop) Fields. On July 1, 1948, he married Mary Ann Nute, who survives. Other survivors include a son, Eugene Fields, Portland; a brother, Vernon Fields, Bicknell; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Grogg, Portland and Mrs. Barbara Pursley, Portland; and three grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 am in the Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home. Pastor Gerald Hewson will officiate and burial will follow in the Salamonias Cemetery.

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