

JAY WESLEY FRANKLIN

JAY WESLEY FRANKLIN, 70, of New Haven, and former resident of Portland, died unexpectedly Thursday evening, Jan. 20, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born January 11, 1941 in Portland, Indiana, he was the son of Fredrick Christian and Lula (Grile) Franklin.

He retired in 1983 from Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne where he had served as an accountant and business manager. He had also worked for Slattery Oil of Hicksville, Ohio. He was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church.

He was a heart transplant patient having received a new heart in 1991. He was co-founder in 1997 of the Transplant Support Group of Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization. During his first four years with the group, he was their top volunteer in the state of Indiana. He spent much time in the elementary schools working with the Focus on Health program spreading the word about organ transplantation, so others might have the opportunity he had experienced.

He graduated from Portland High School with the class of 1959. He attended Fort Wayne Business College. He was married June 8, 1962 to Phyllis Strock, who survives.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Franklin of New Haven; sons: Bradley S. (Jill) Franklin of New Haven and Brian Jay (Christina) Franklin of Fulton, Ind.; brother: Ralph (Arlene) Franklin of New Castle, Ind.; 10 grandchildren, Megan Franklin, Chelsea Franklin, Austin Franklin and Morgan Franklin all of New Haven, Jesse Minick, Jamie Minick, Cody Franklin, Cory Franklin, Joshua Franklin, and Jacob Franklin all of Fulton, Indiana; one great-granddaughter:, Mariah Jai Minick of Fulton, Ind.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 at the New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, with Pastor Rick Taylor officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at the New Haven United Methodist Church. Cremation will follow. A memorial service and interment of the cremains will be held in the Salamonina Cemetery in Salamonina, Ind. later this spring.

Memorials may be directed to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Williamson & Spencer Funeral Home of Portland, Indiana is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.williamsonspencer.com

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