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KENNETH J. NEWELL, 83, died Sunday at Jay County Hospital. Born in Tracey, Minn., he retired in 1980 from New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio, and was also a farmer. His first wife, Emma Lucille, died in 1979. Surviving are his wife, Eileen; a son, Kenneth Jr. of Portland; three daughters, Sue Hilfiker of Portland, Betty Gibson of Hamilton and Cheryl Wise of Ligonier; a stepson, Roger Hartzell of Portland; a stepdaughter, Beth Landon of Portland; four sisters, Elsie England and Hazel Witham, both of Anderson, Leona Leban of Ashville, N.C., and Delores Murphy of Benson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild. Services were held Wednesday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland. Burial in Salamonica Cemetery. Memorials to donor's choice.

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